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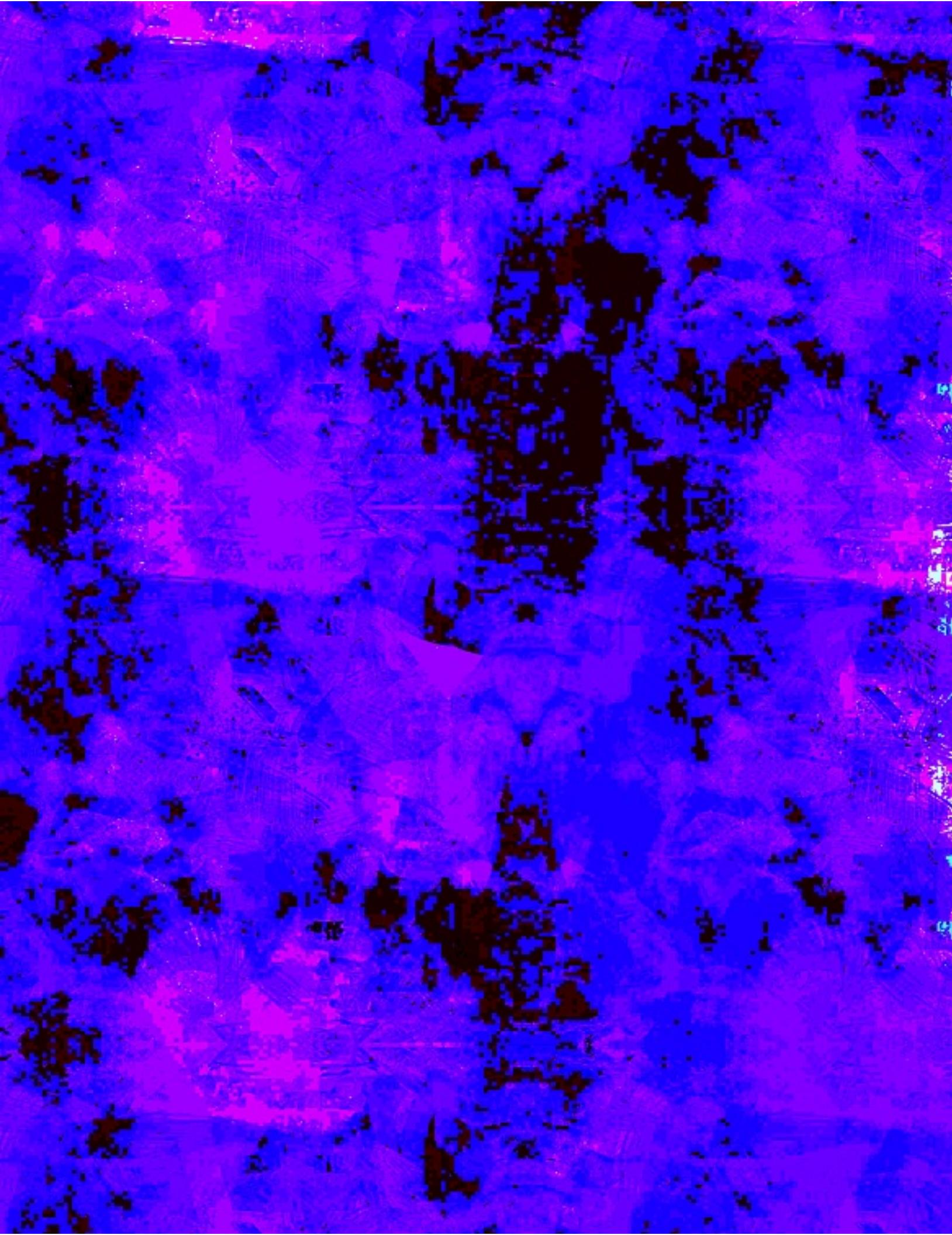
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LET GO  
OF ME.  
I DON'T  
WANT TO  
SEE HIM!



YOU BETTER START  
BEHAVING, BOY.

YOUR FATHER WILL  
HURT YOU WORSE  
THAN US, I SWEAR  
TO YOU.



AND I, FOR  
ONE, HOPE  
HE DOES.



JUST  
REMEMBER  
WHO YOU'RE  
TALKING TO,  
SERVANT.



THWOK!



THAT WAS DONE  
ON THE KING'S  
ORDERS.

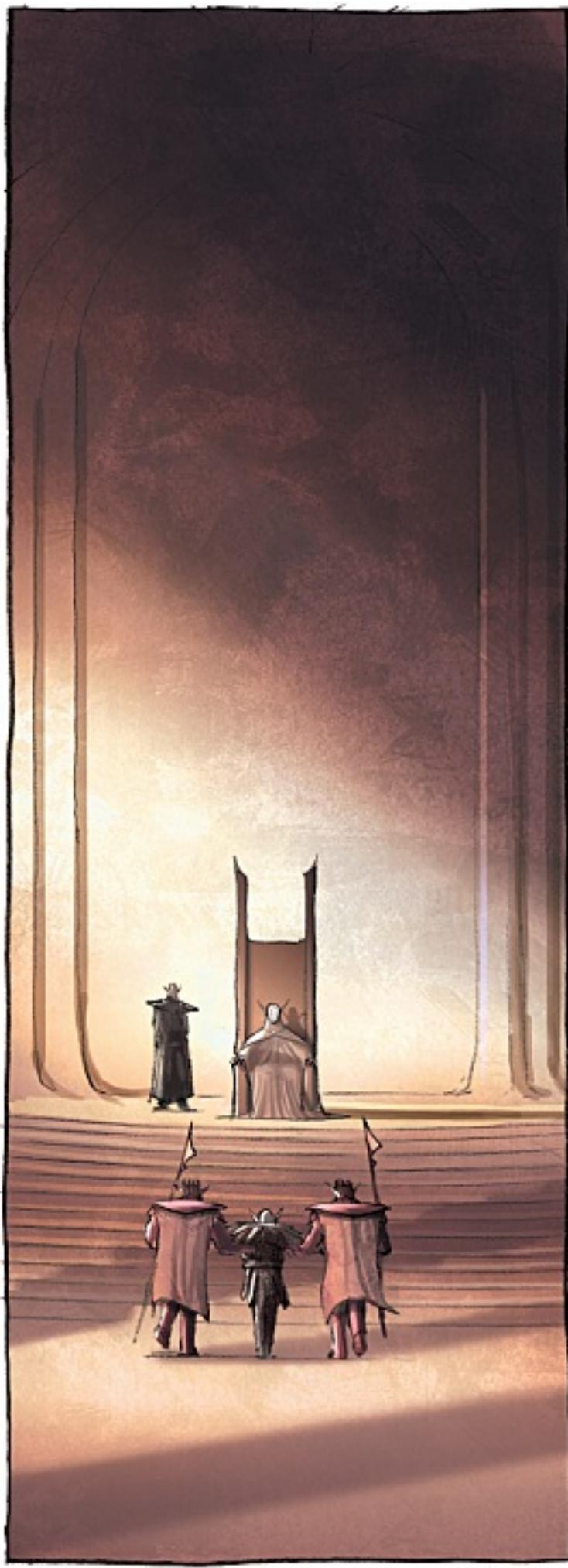
THE NEXT TIME  
I'M GOING TO BREAK  
SOMETHING.

GOT IT?

WHO GOES  
THERE?

PRINCE  
TRELLIS IS HERE  
TO SEE HIS FATHER,  
THE ELF KING.

AH,  
WELCOME  
BACK, SIR.





I HAVEN'T  
FAILED.

UNDERSTAND,  
FATHER, THESE  
THINGS TAKE  
TIME.



YOU HAVE HAD  
PLENTY OF TIME.

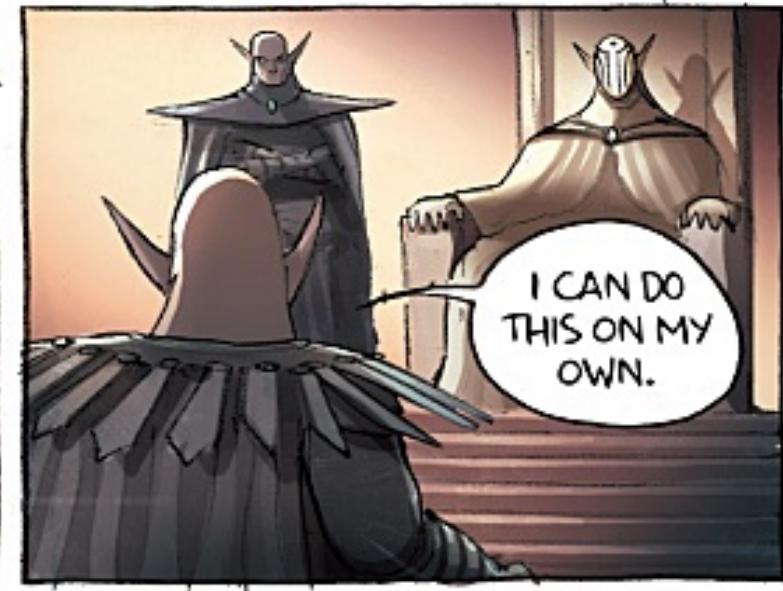
WHAT YOU NEED  
NOW IS THE AID OF  
EXPERIENCE.



No.



LUGER WILL  
BE JOINING YOU  
ON YOUR RETURN  
MISSION TO MAKE  
SURE THE JOB  
GETS DONE.



I CAN DO  
THIS ON MY  
OWN.



LUGER WILL  
HELP YOU.



YOU KNOW  
THAT I WORK  
ALONE!



WHY DO YOU  
RESIST?

DID YOU NOT  
ASK ME TO LEND  
YOU MORE  
SUPPORT?

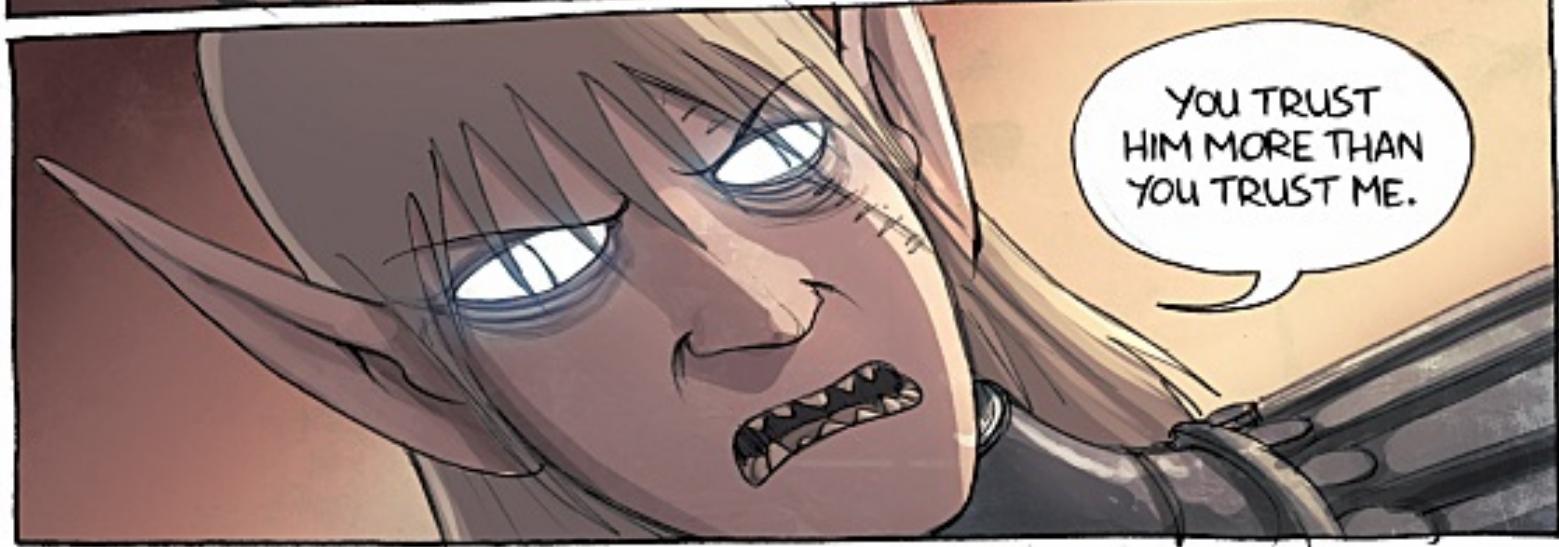


I ASKED FOR  
FOOT SOLDIERS,  
NOT A  
CHAPERONE!

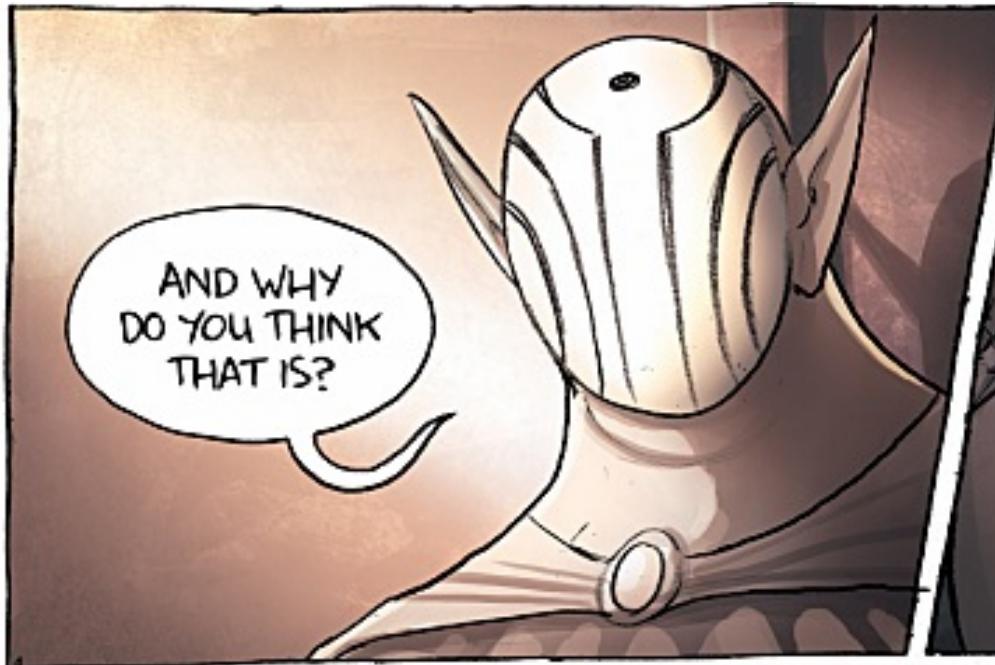


LUGER FIGHTS  
WITH THE STRENGTH  
OF TEN SOLDIERS.

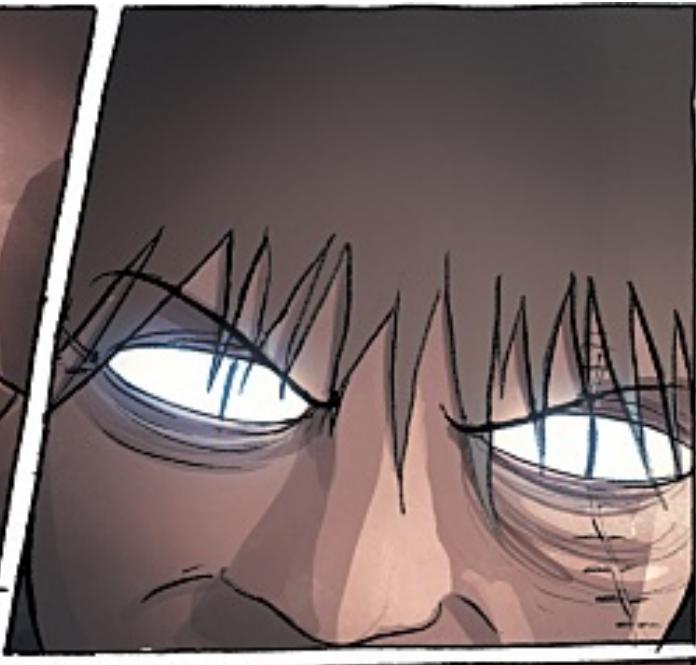
HE WILL  
SERVE YOU  
WELL.



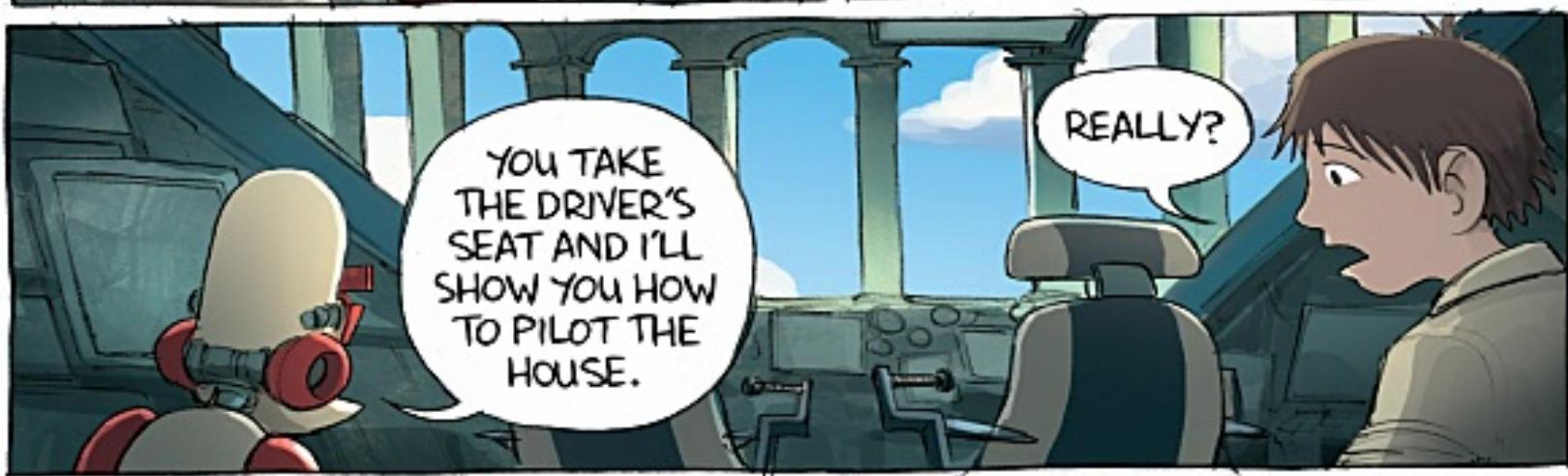
YOU TRUST  
HIM MORE THAN  
YOU TRUST ME.

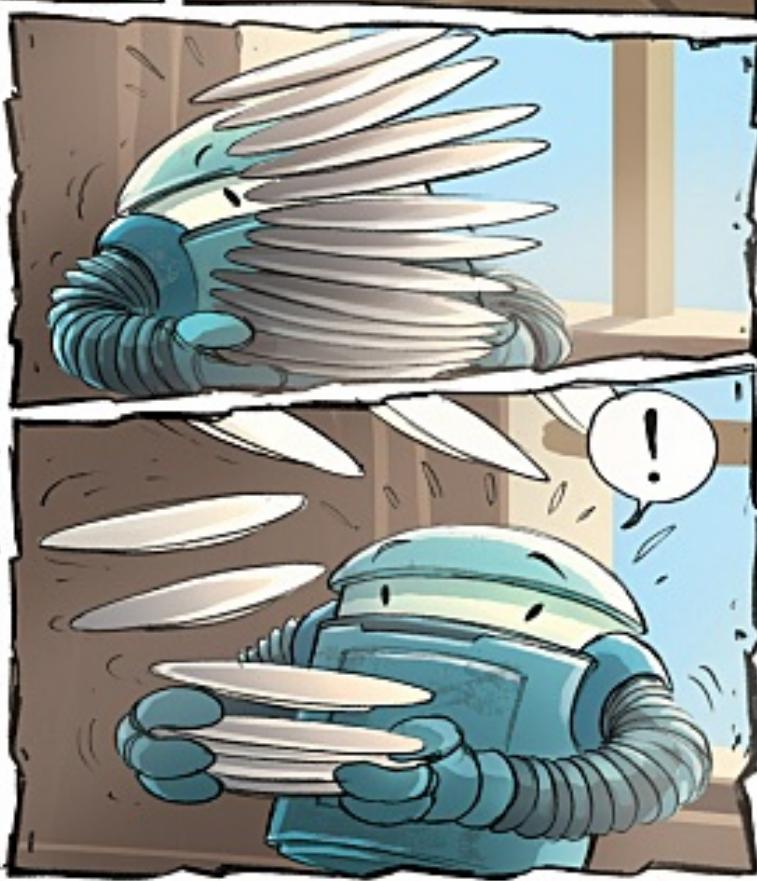


AND WHY  
DO YOU THINK  
THAT IS?











THE TRICK  
IS TO REMAIN  
CALM.



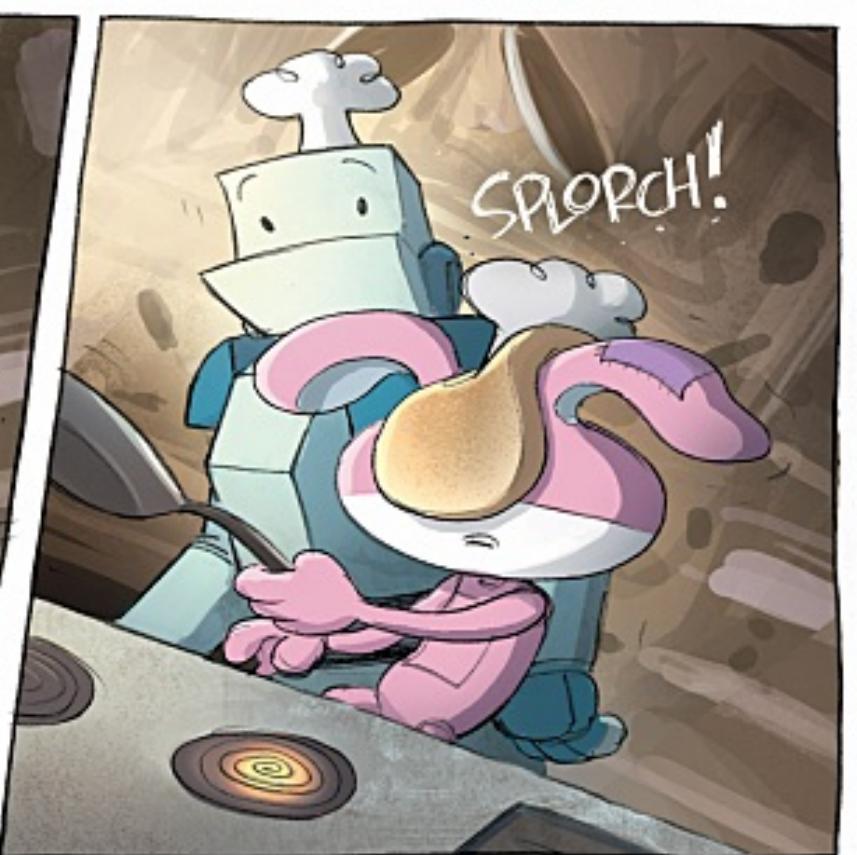
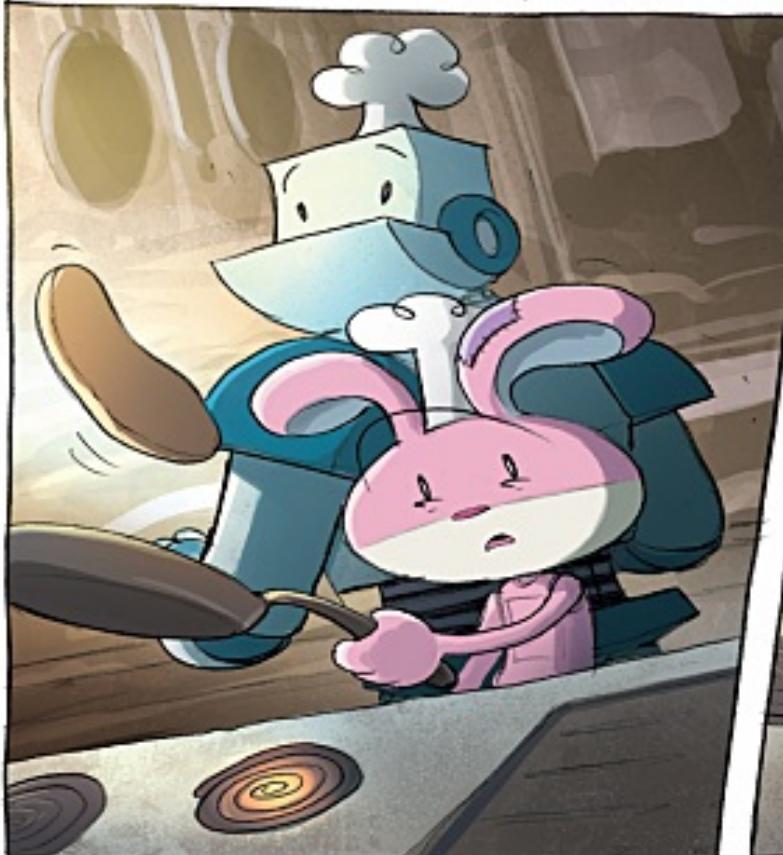
TREAT THE  
HOUSE AS AN  
EXTENSION OF  
YOURSELF.



WHEN YOU  
TREMBLE, THE  
HOUSE TREMBLES.



SO STAY  
RELAXED.



NOW HOLD HER  
STEADY AND  
TAKE US  
FORWARD!

STOMP!

THOOM!!

KRRRK!

JUST MAINTAIN  
THAT RHYTHM.  
YOU'RE DOING  
GREAT.





I HOPE EVERYONE  
LIKES THEIR EGGS  
SCRAMBLED.



THEODORE --  
TAKE THIS TO  
CAPTAIN EMILY.

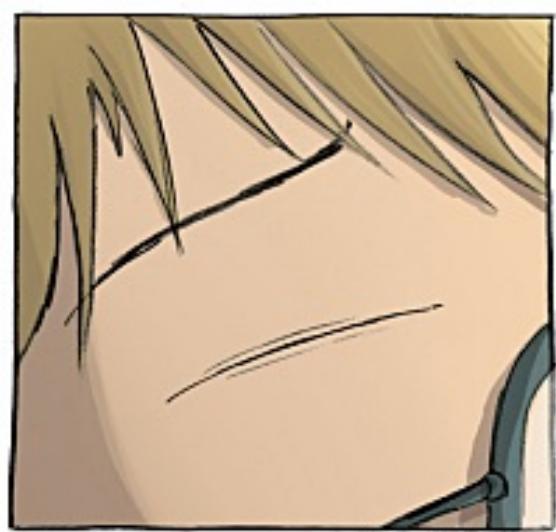
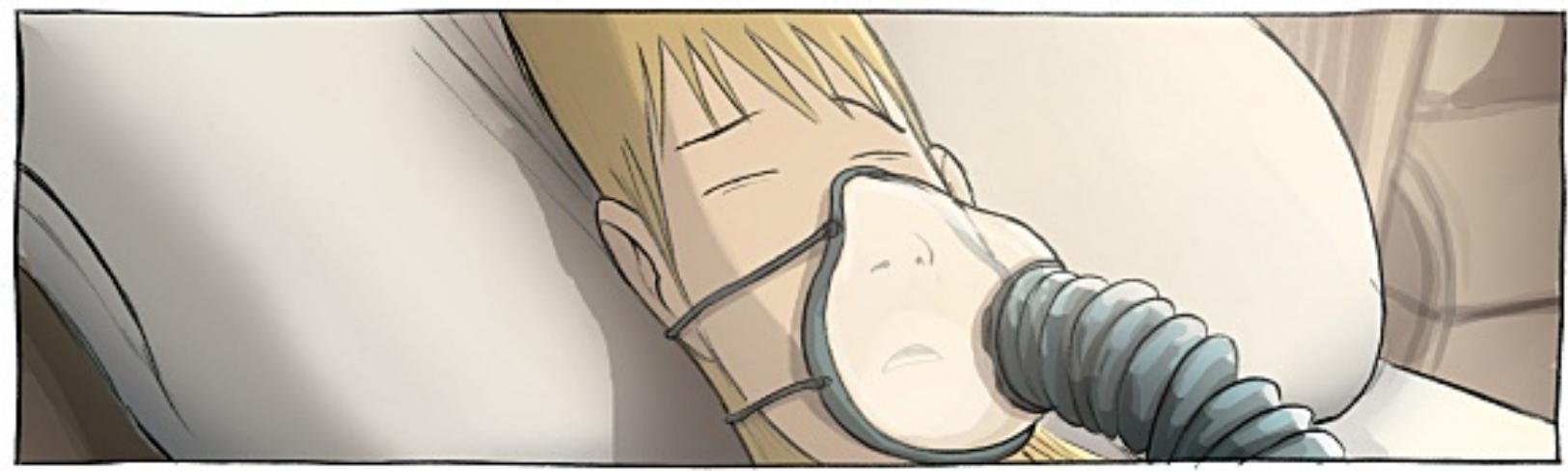
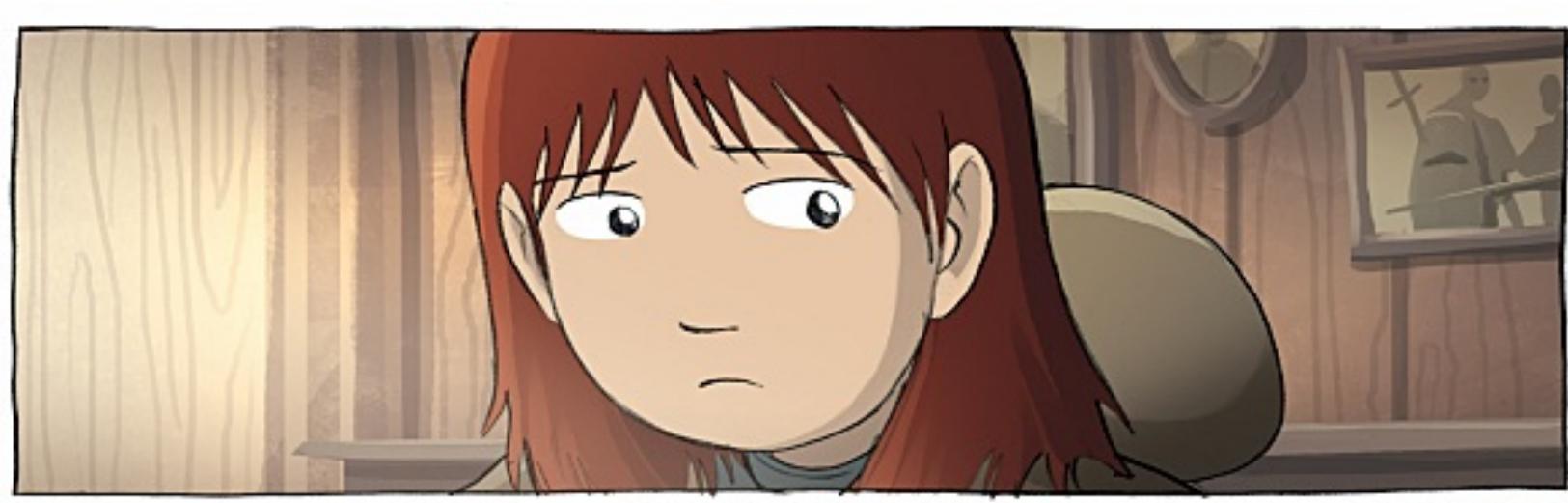


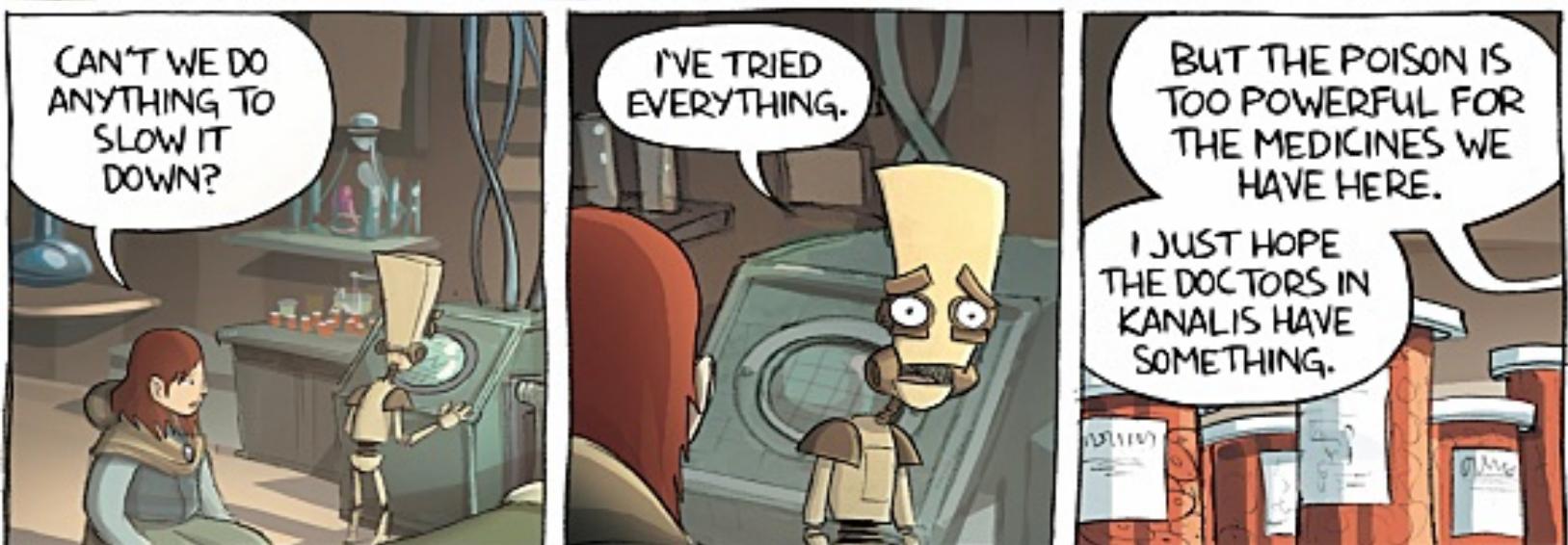
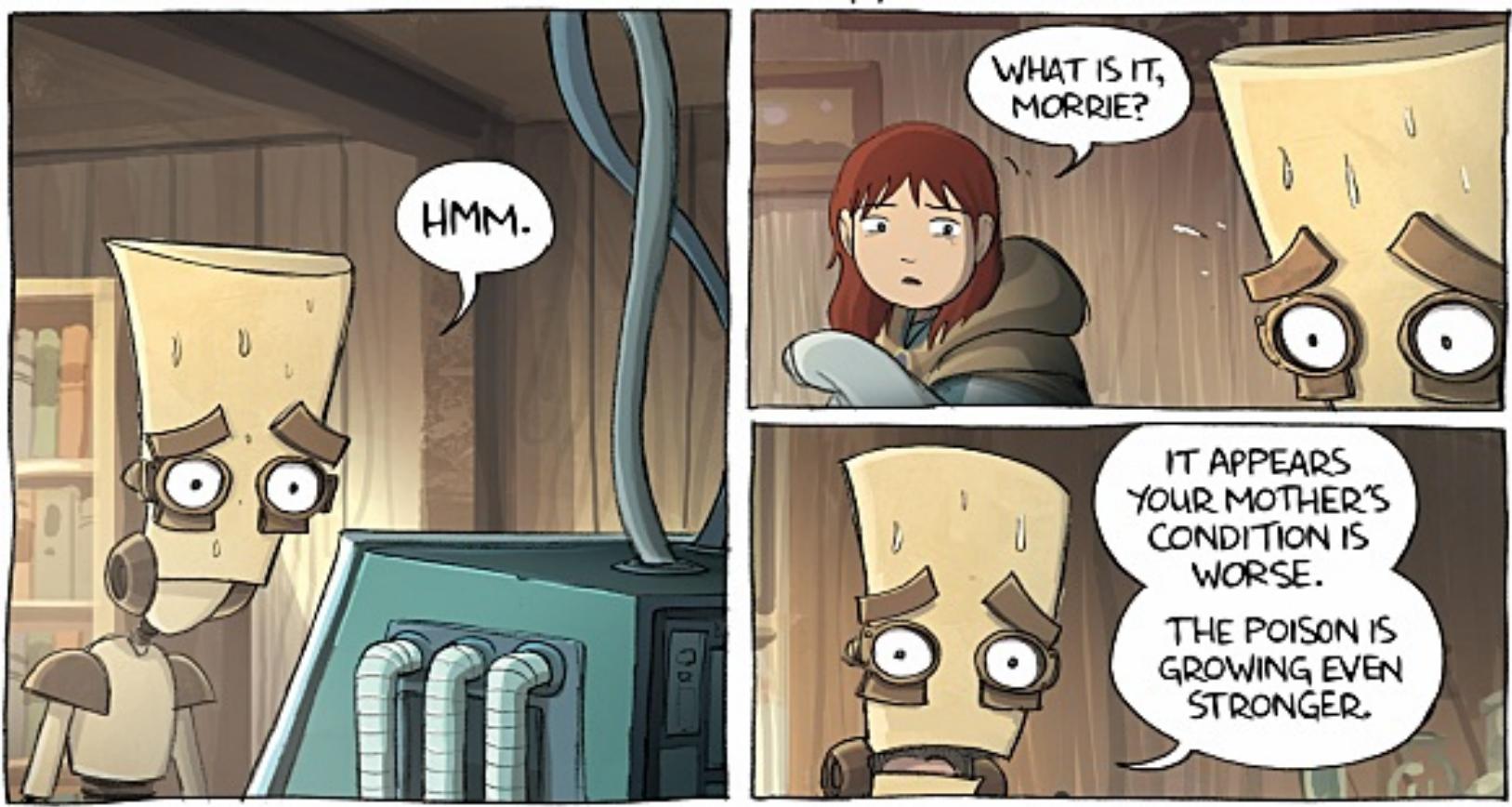
AND TELL  
HER WE'LL  
BE ARRIVING  
IN KANALIS  
SHORTLY.

YES,  
SIR.











THERE IS ONE  
MORE THING THAT'S  
BEEN BOthering ME.

THIS WHOLE TIME,  
WHILE WORKING IN  
HERE, I'VE HAD THIS...  
STRANGE FEELING.



FEELING?



IT'S...  
UNSETTLING,

LIKE THERE'S  
SOMEONE ELSE IN  
THIS ROOM BESIDES  
THE THREE OF US.

YOU DON'T  
SENSE IT?



NO.  
NO, I  
DON'T.



I-I'M SORRY.

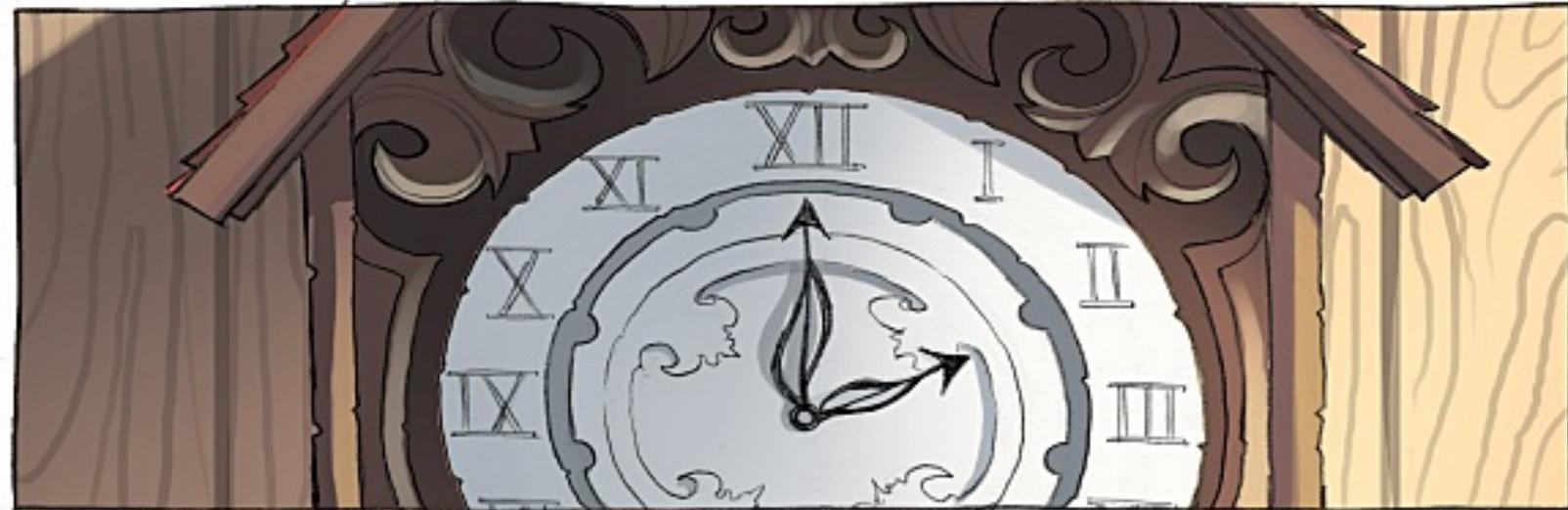
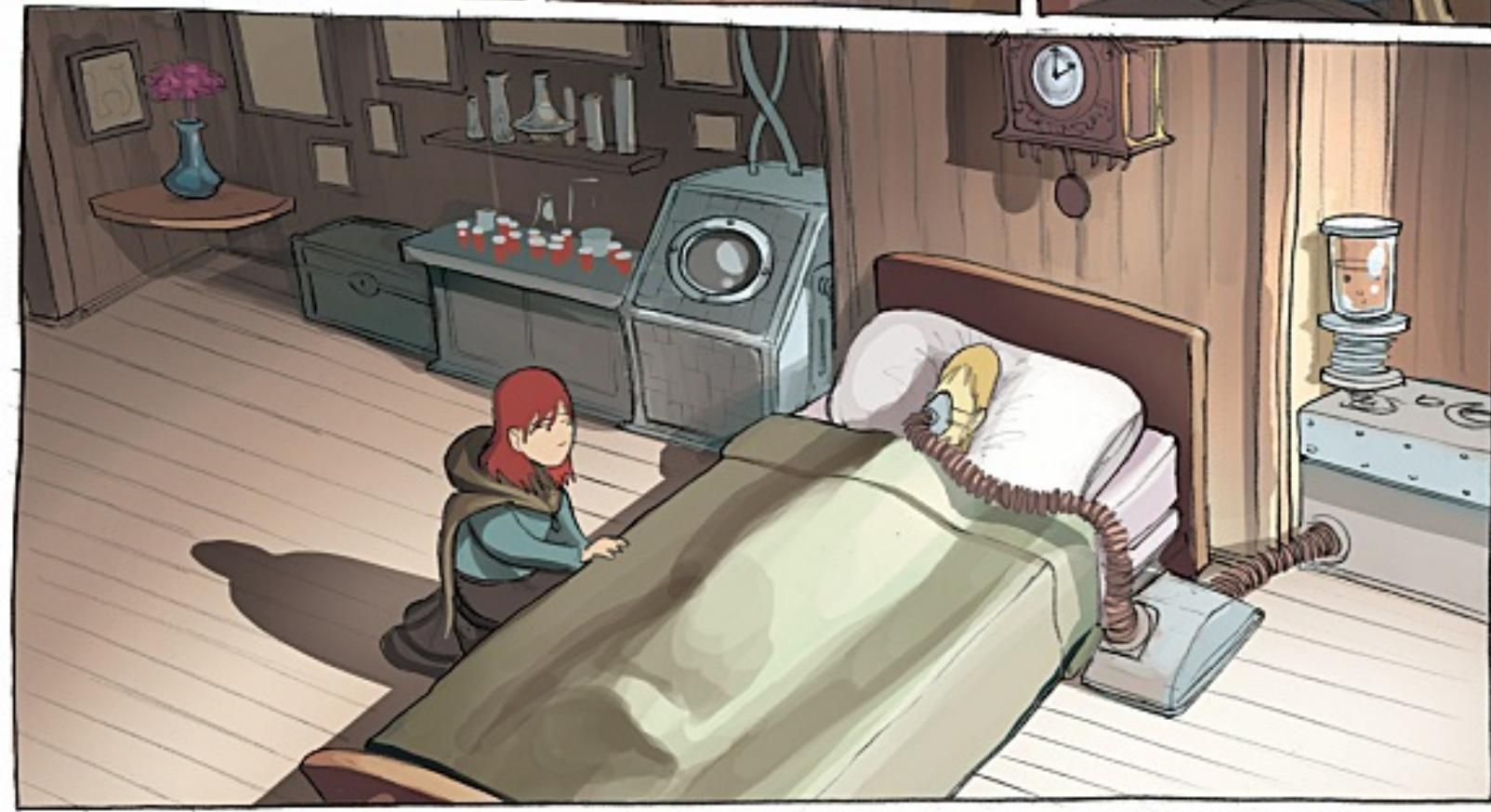
I SHOULD  
GO HELP THE  
OTHERS PREPARE  
FOR OUR ARRIVAL  
IN KANALIS.

LET ME KNOW  
IF YOU NEED  
ANYTHING.



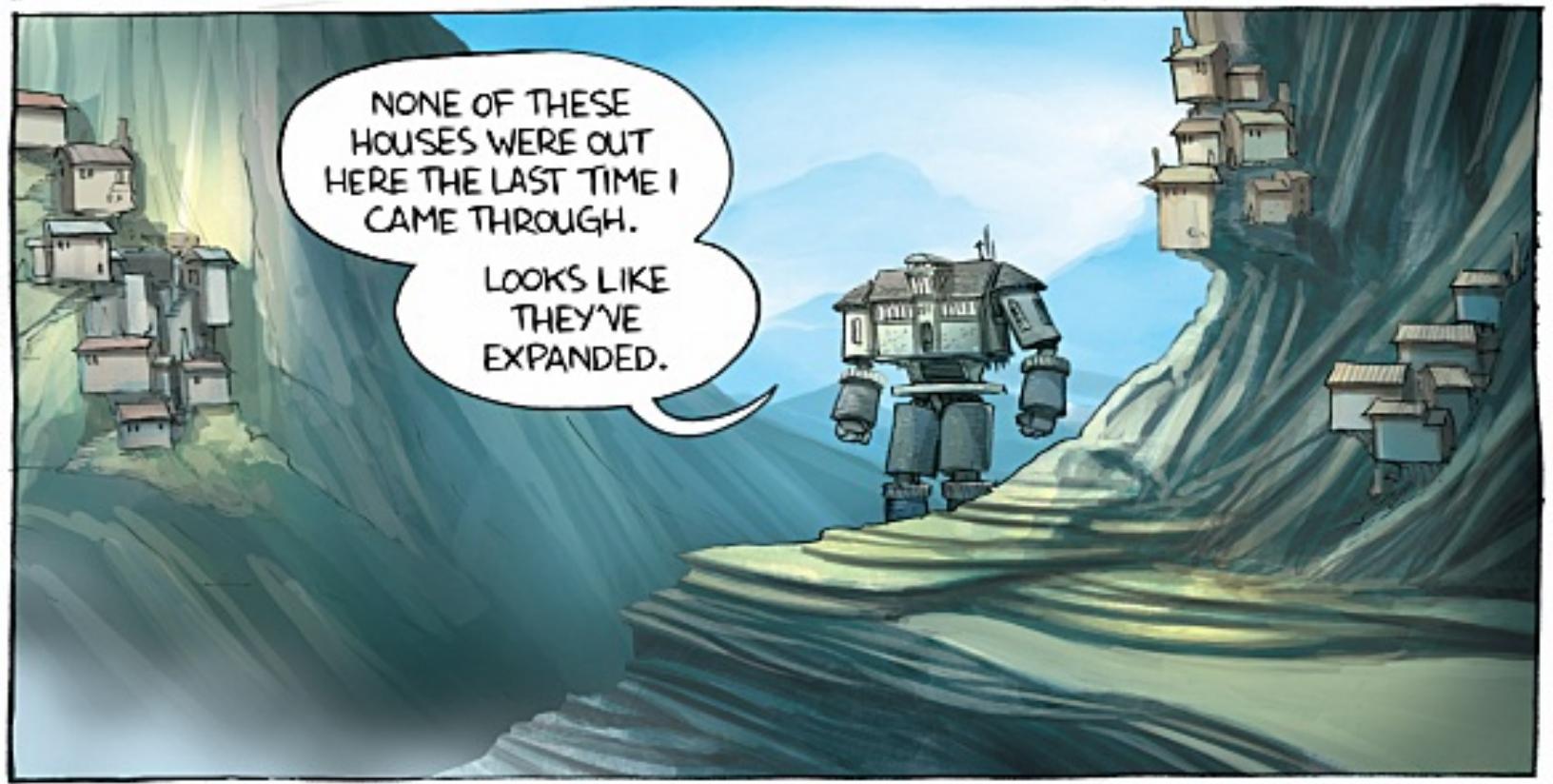


BATTLE?  
WHAT BATTLE?





IT'S BEEN SO LONG I HARDLY RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE NOW.

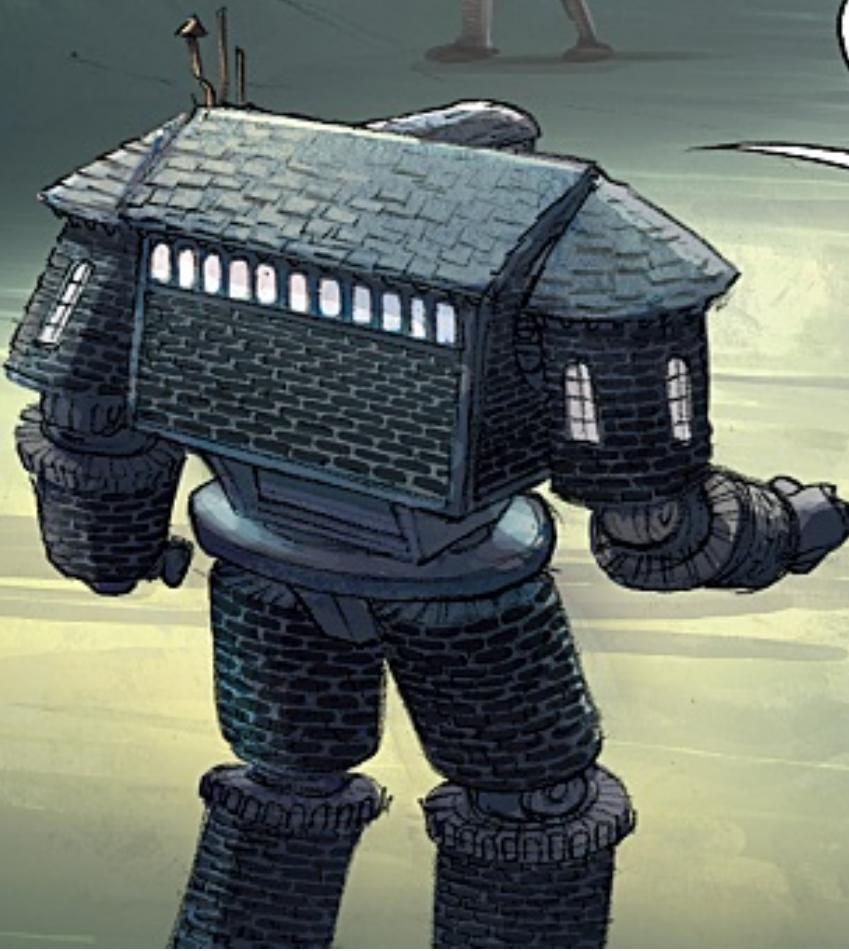


NONE OF THESE HOUSES WERE OUT HERE THE LAST TIME I CAME THROUGH.

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE EXPANDED.

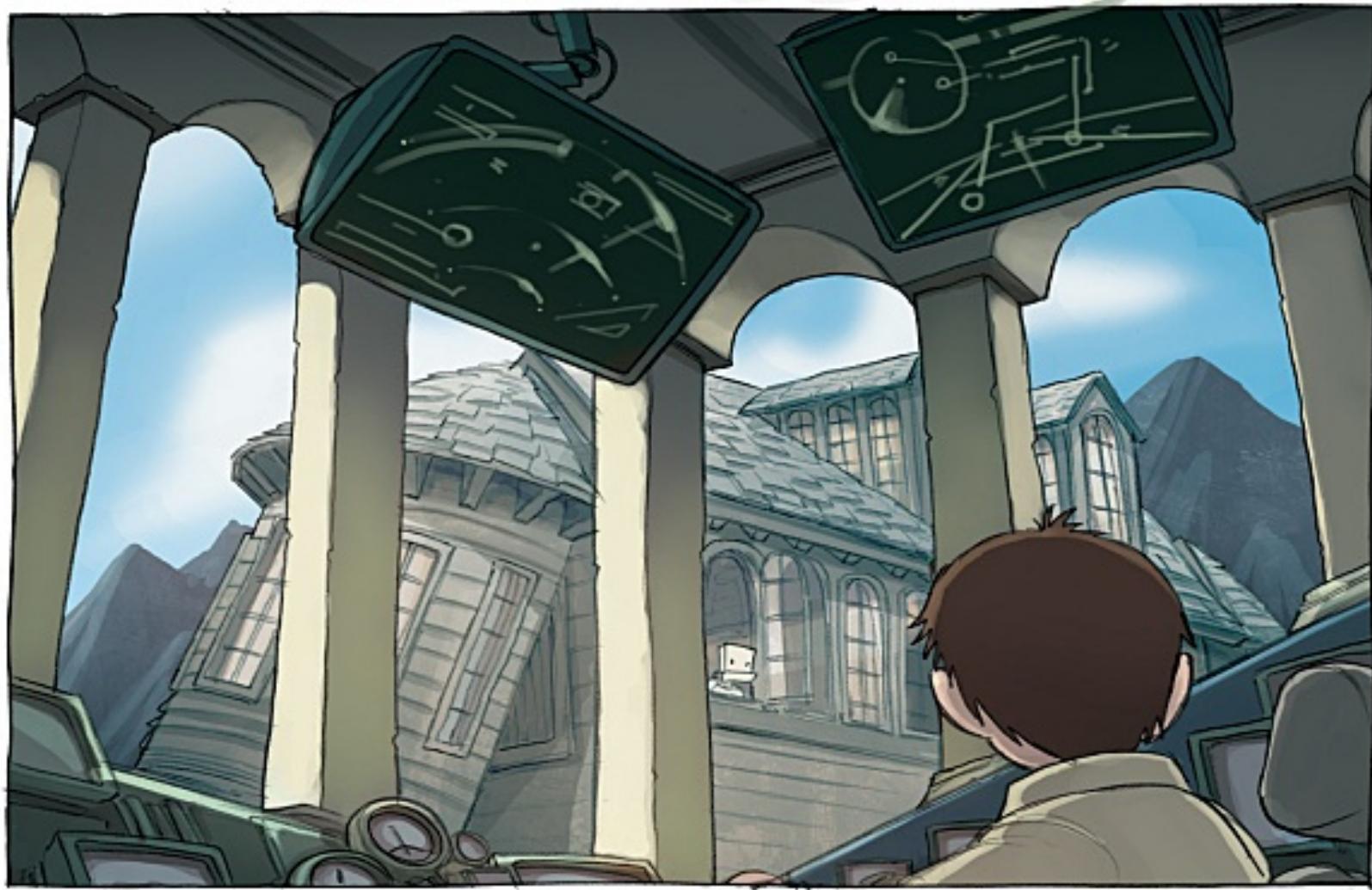


AND THERE IT IS...



...THE CITY  
OF KANALIS.





THIS IS CHOGA  
HOFFA FIVE SIX  
ONE NINE.

REQUESTING  
PERMISSION  
TO DOCK,  
OVER.

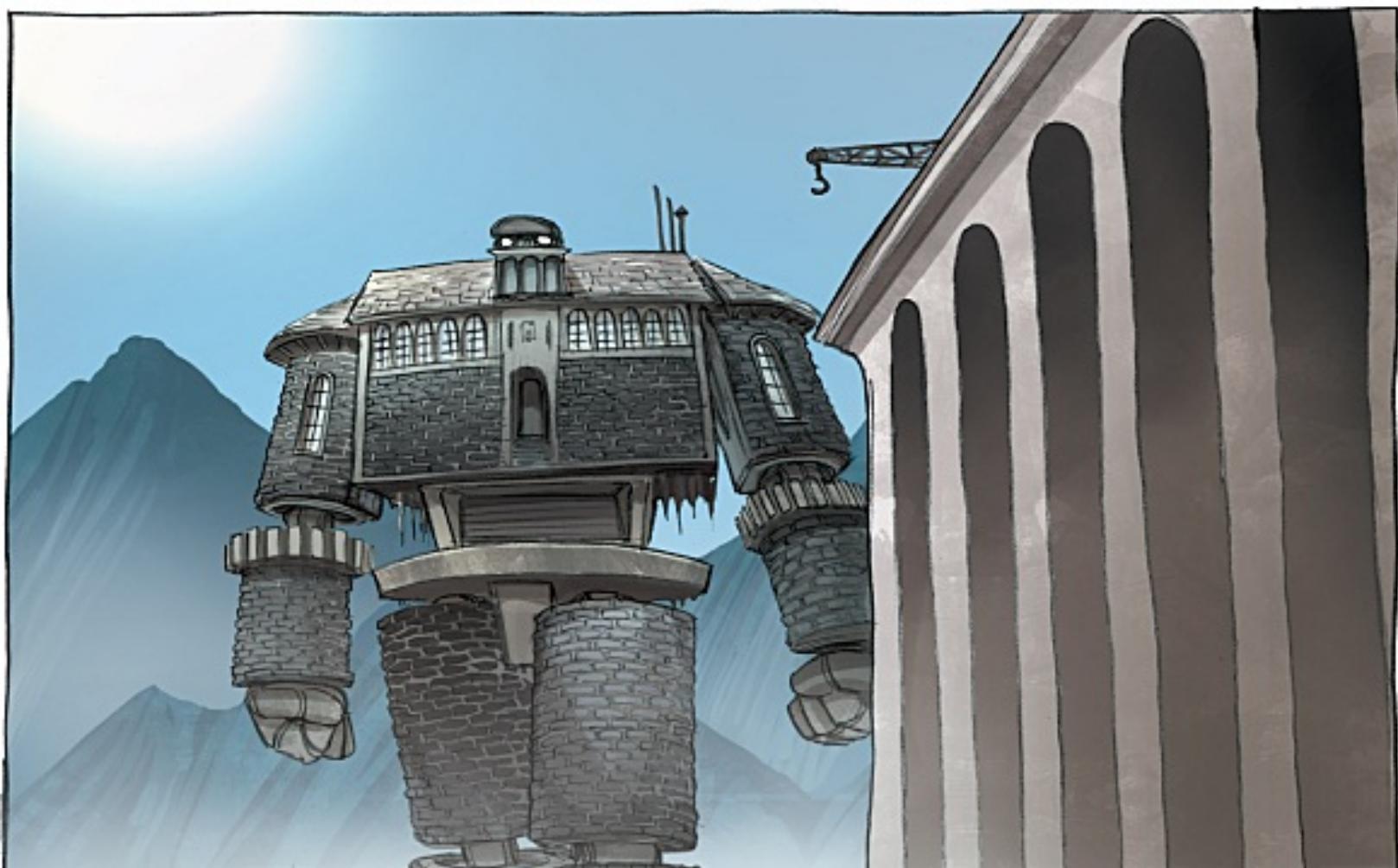
CHOGA HOFFA  
FIVE SIX ONE NINE,  
YOU ARE CLEAR TO  
DOCK AT PIER  
TEN, OVER.

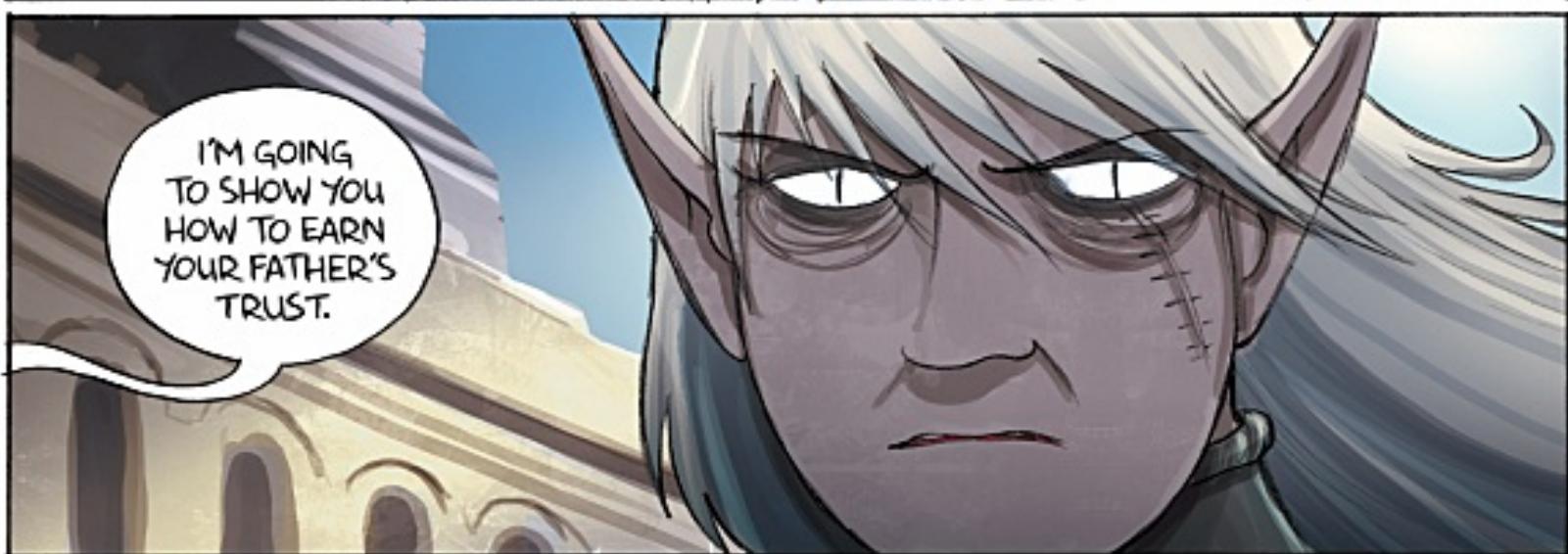
NOW TAKE US  
IN SLOW AND  
EASY.

PIER TEN,  
GOT IT?

GOT IT.

KRRRK...







NOW, BEFORE WE STEP OUTSIDE, I SHOULD PROBABLY LET YOU KNOW THAT MANY OF THE CITIZENS HERE MIGHT LOOK QUITE A BIT... DIFFERENT.



WELCOME TO  
KANALIS.

PLEASE HAVE  
YOUR PASSPORTS  
READY, AND PREPARE  
FOR BOARDING AND  
INSPECTION.

DO ALL OF THE  
PEOPLE OF KANALIS  
LOOK LIKE HIM?

NO. KANALIS IS A  
PORT TOWN, SO  
PEOPLE FROM ALL  
WALKS OF LIFE END  
UP HERE.

IT IS SAID THAT  
EVERYONE IN ALLEDIA  
FINDS THEIR WAY HERE  
EVENTUALLY.

SO LET'S HOPE  
THAT PROVES TRUE  
WITH THE LAND'S  
FINEST DOCTORS.

WE'RE GOING  
TO NEED A VERY  
GOOD ONE.

MANY OF THESE TOWNSFOLK ARE VERY SLOWLY BEING ALTERED BY AN ANCIENT CURSE.

IT IS WHAT GIVES THEM THE APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS.

BUT THAT'S TERRIBLE!

I DON'T BELIEVE THEY SEE IT AS ANYTHING QUITE SO NEGATIVE.

THIS CURSE HAS AFFECTED THEM FOR SO MANY YEARS THAT THE NEW GENERATIONS SEE IT AS SIMPLY A FACT OF LIFE.

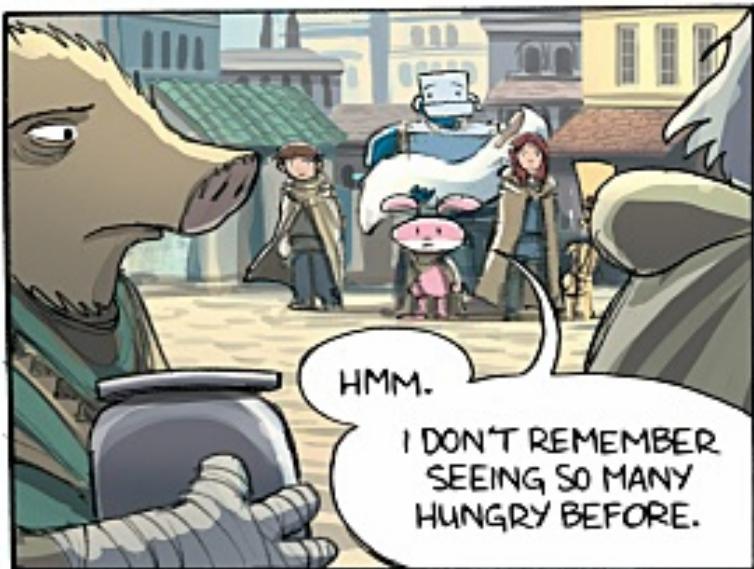
IS IT CONTAGIOUS?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!









THEY'RE FARMERS.

THE ELVES TOOK THEIR LAND AND LEFT THEM WITH NOTHING.

ARE YOU A FARMER TOO?

NOW THEY'RE FORCED TO BEG FOR THE VERY SAME FOOD THEY USED TO HARVEST.

NO.

I'M A BOUNTY HUNTER.

EMILY,  
STAY AWAY FROM HIM.

HHEEE!

WE DON'T MEDDLE WITH HIS KIND.

WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD.

BECAUSE I THINK YOU COULD USE MY HELP RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

YOU'RE BEING HUNTED.

BY THE ELVES.

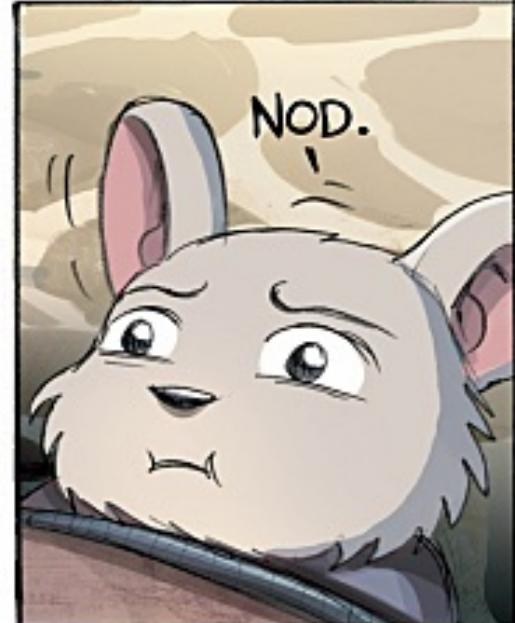
I OFFER MY SERVICES AS A BODYGUARD.

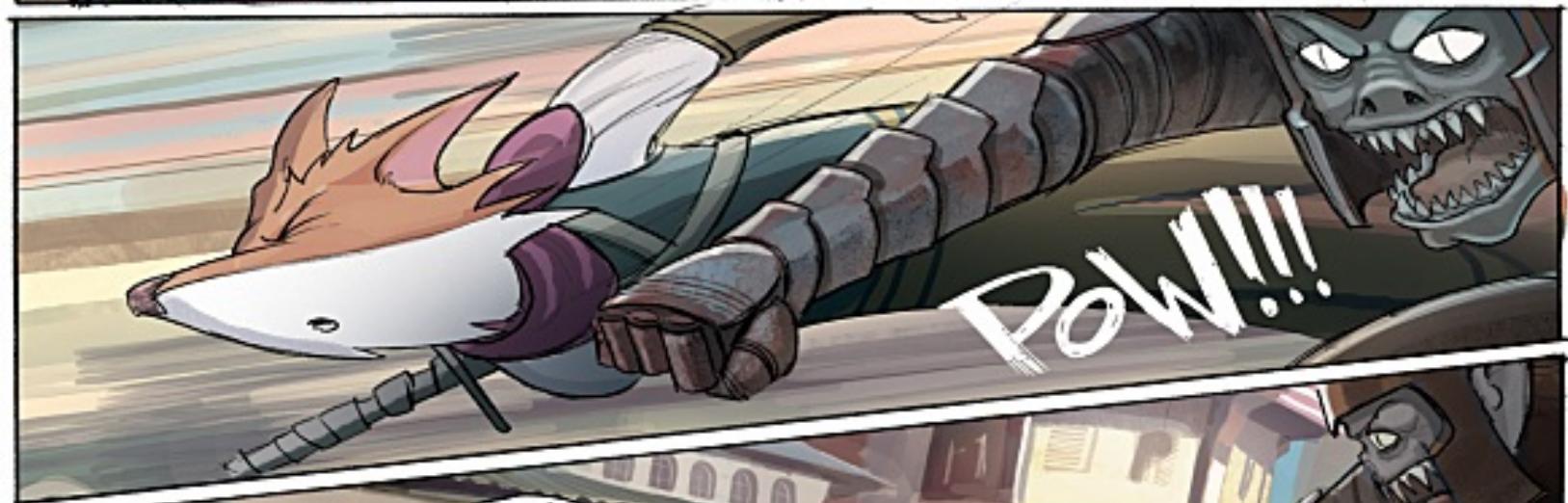
LOOK, PAL,

WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO HIRE ANYBODY.

ESPECIALLY SOMEBODY WE DON'T KNOW.

WAHHH!





LET'S GO,  
MISS EMILY.

WE DON'T  
HAVE MUCH  
TIME.

MAYBE  
WE SHOULD  
HIRE HIM.

ARE YOU  
KIDDING?!

IF HE CAN'T  
HANDLE THAT GUARD,  
HOW WILL HE BE ABLE  
TO PROTECT US?!

BESIDES, WHAT  
WOULD WE EVEN  
PAY HIM WITH?

LET'S  
GO.

ARE YOU  
HURT?

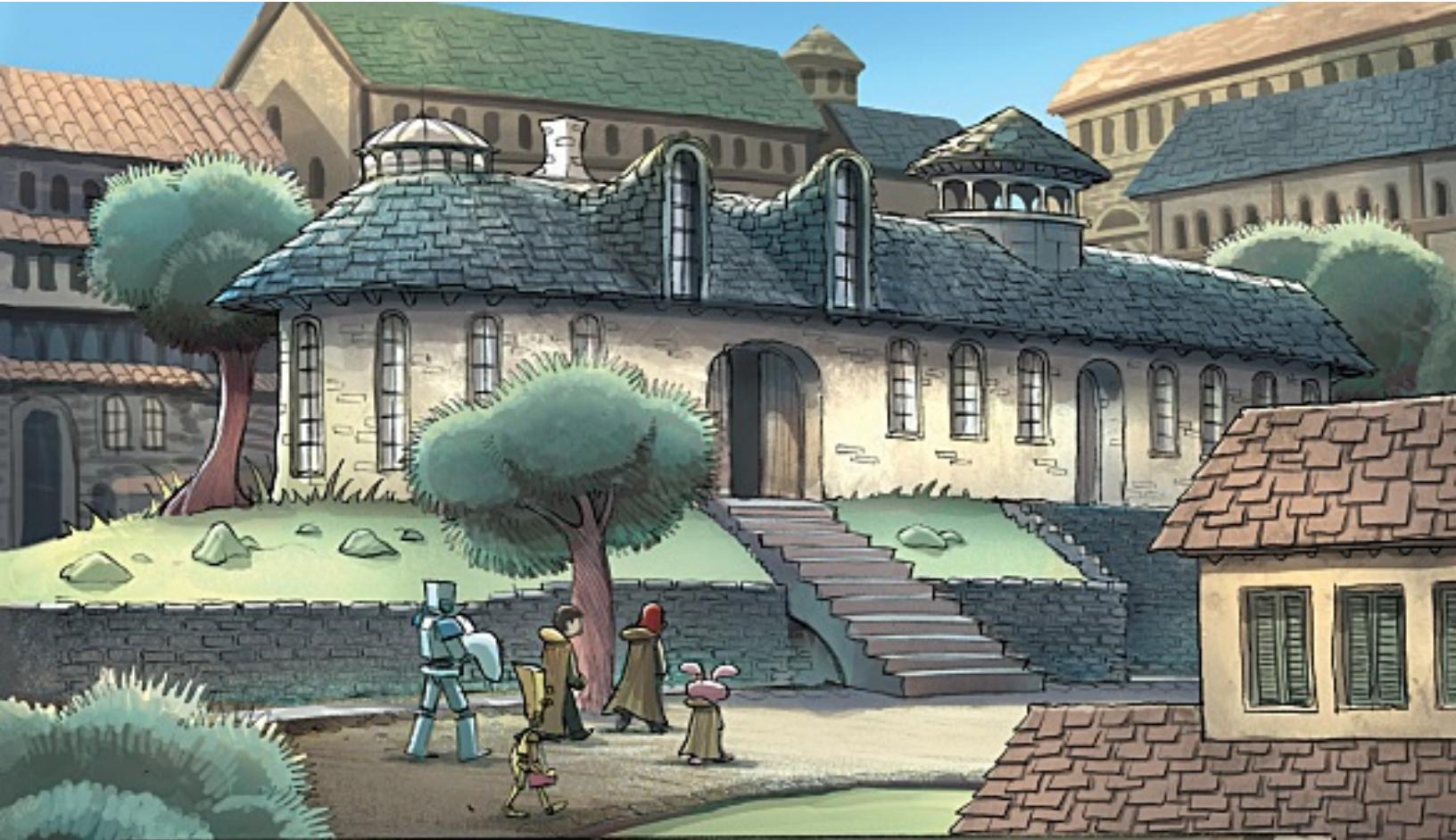
I'LL BE  
FINE.

I WISH THOSE  
TERRIBLE ELVES  
WOULD JUST  
GO AWAY.

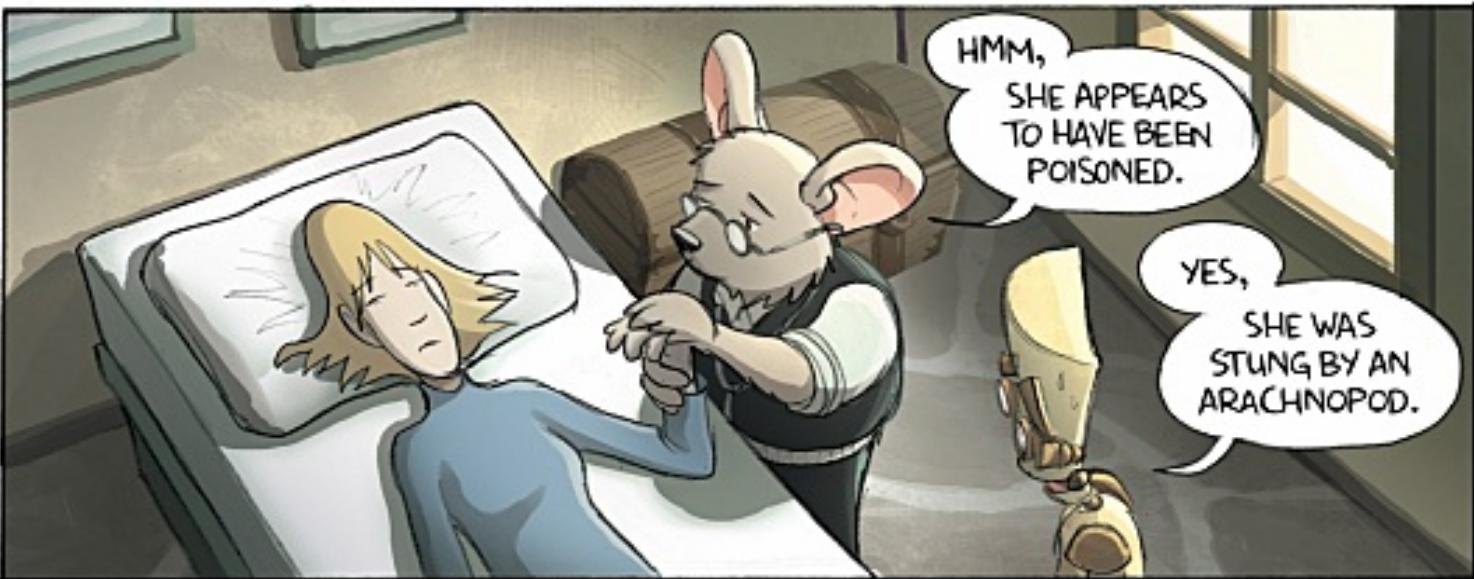
NOW DON'T  
YOU WORRY,  
MRS. WADE.

THIS WILL  
ALL BE OVER  
SOON.

I THINK  
HELP HAS  
FINALLY  
ARRIVED.

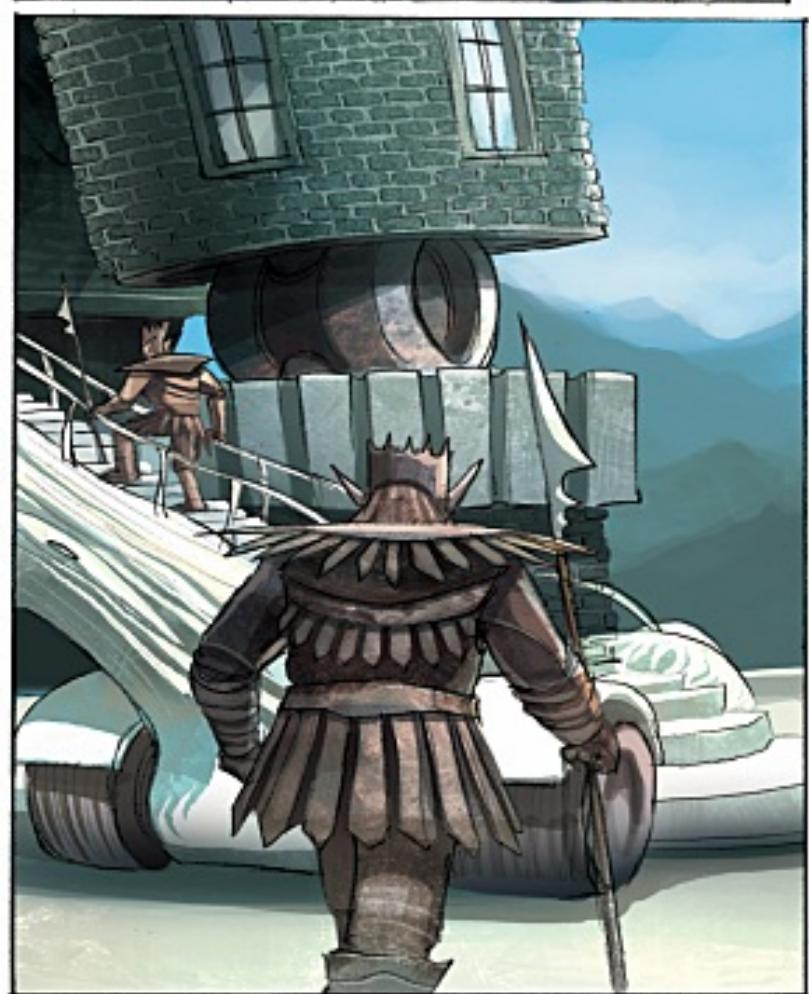












IS EVERYONE HERE?

I'M GOING TO DO A COMPLETE SHUTDOWN SO THE ELVES CAN'T GET ANY INFORMATION.

BUT THAT MEANS WE'LL BE FULLY OUT OF COMMISSION, UNDERSTAND?

IT'LL BE UP TO YOU TO TURN US BACK ON.

AND YOU BETTER GET HERE BEFORE THEY TURN US INTO SCRAP METAL!

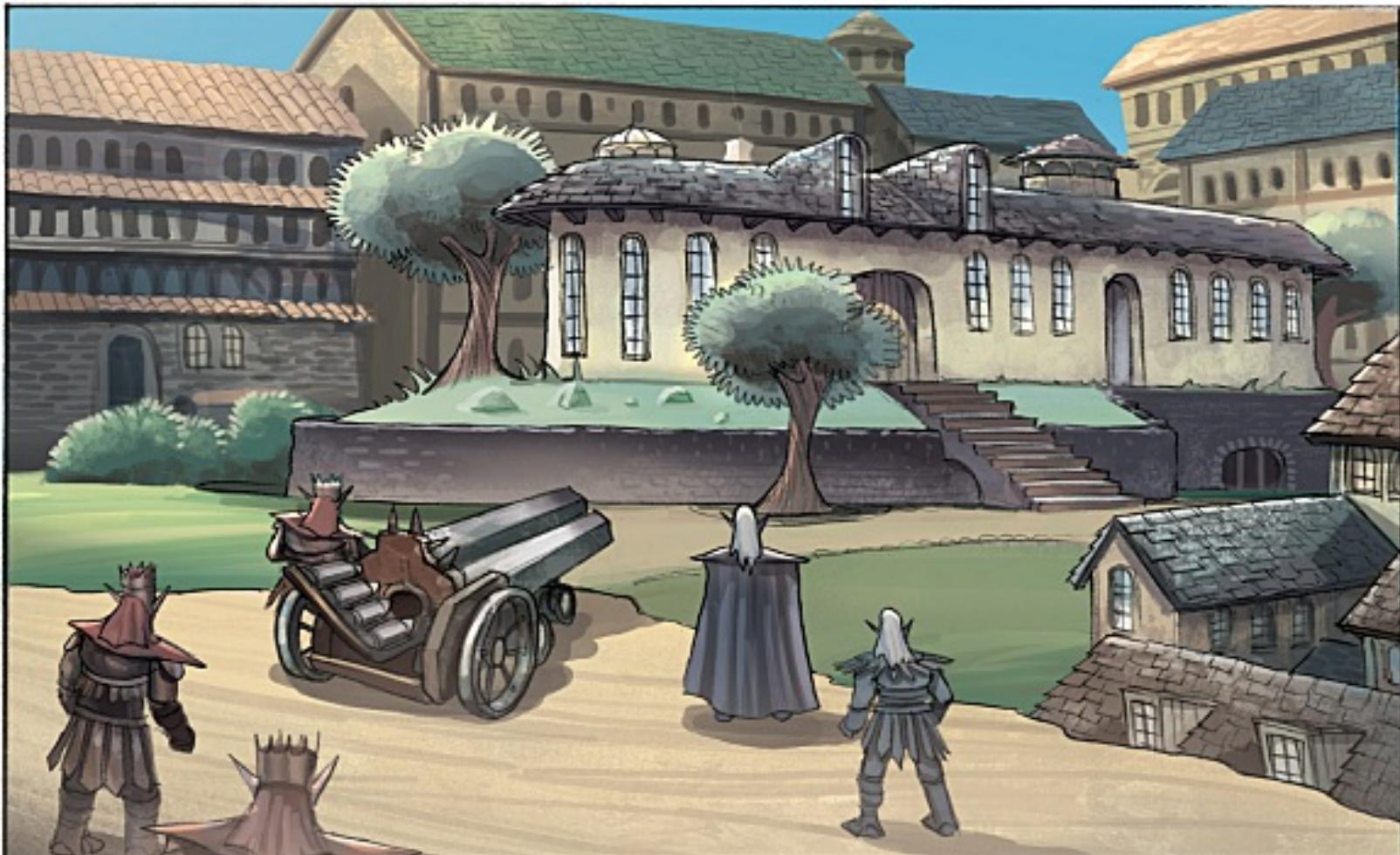
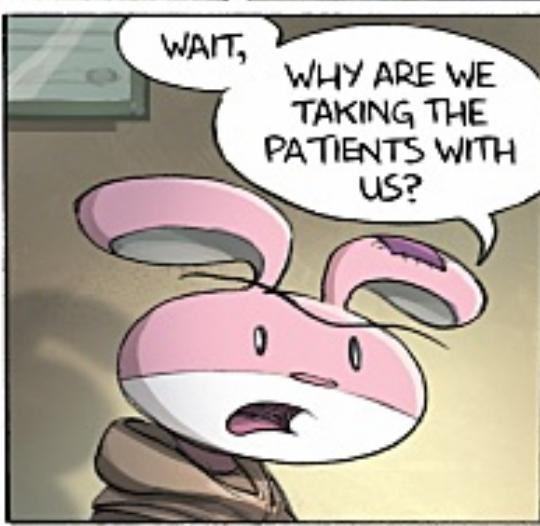
I'M COUNTIN' ON YOU, BUDDY!

WAHOO

READY?

CLICK!







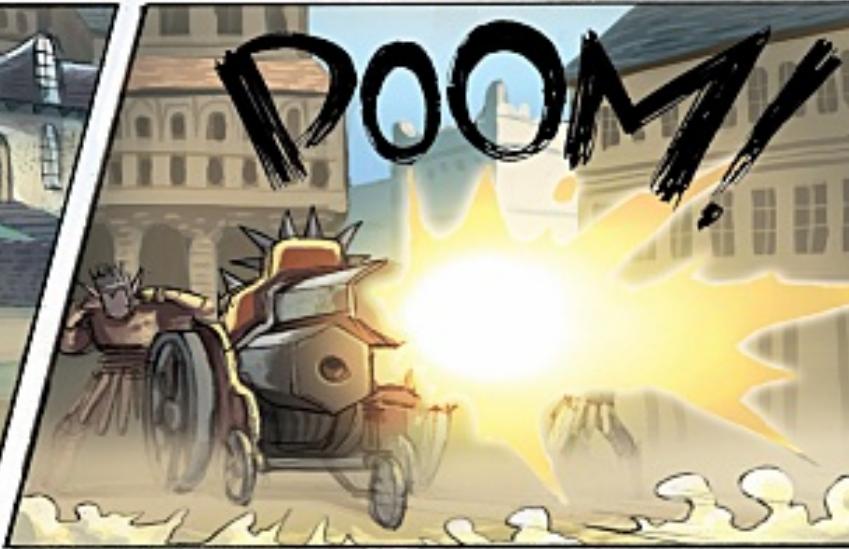
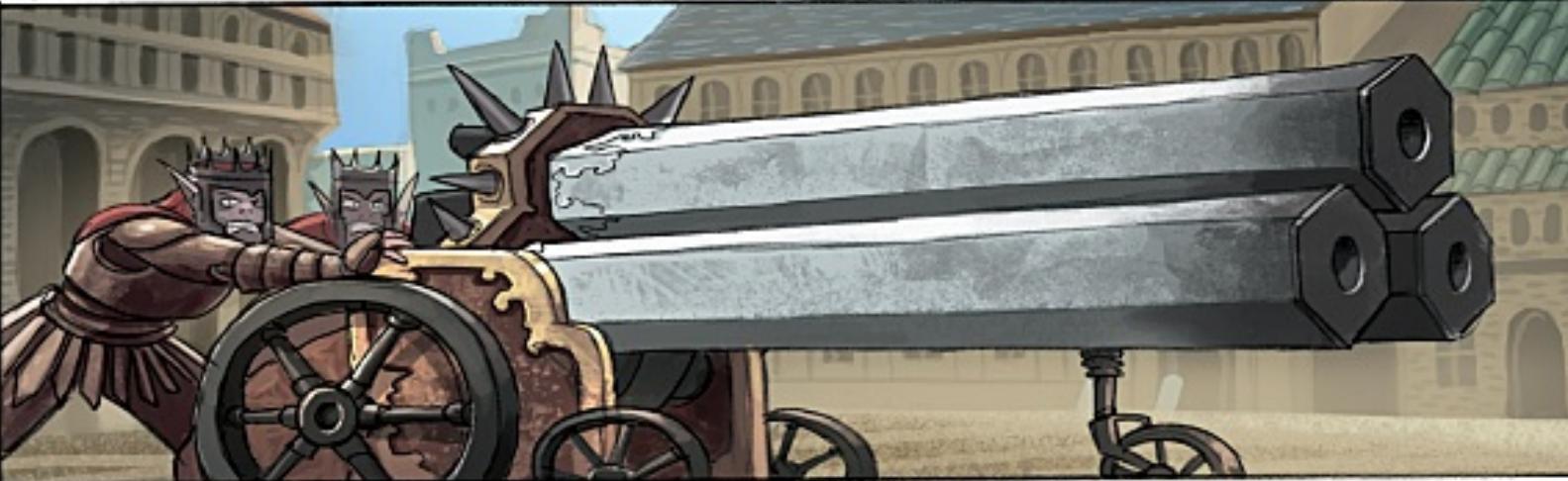
PREPARE  
THE CANNON.



WHAT ABOUT  
THE PATIENTS?  
THEY HAVE  
NO PART IN  
THIS.



SOMETIMES  
SACRIFICES MUST  
BE MADE FOR THE  
GREATER GOOD.









START THE  
ENGINE AND  
GET OUT OF  
HERE!

LISTEN  
TO YOUR  
SISTER!

TAKE GOOD  
CARE OF  
MOM!

EM!!!

TRUST ME,  
KID. YOU DON'T  
WANT TO GO  
WHERE THEY'RE  
GOING.

EM...

I HOPE  
THEY GET  
THROUGH  
OKAY.

THEY  
WILL.

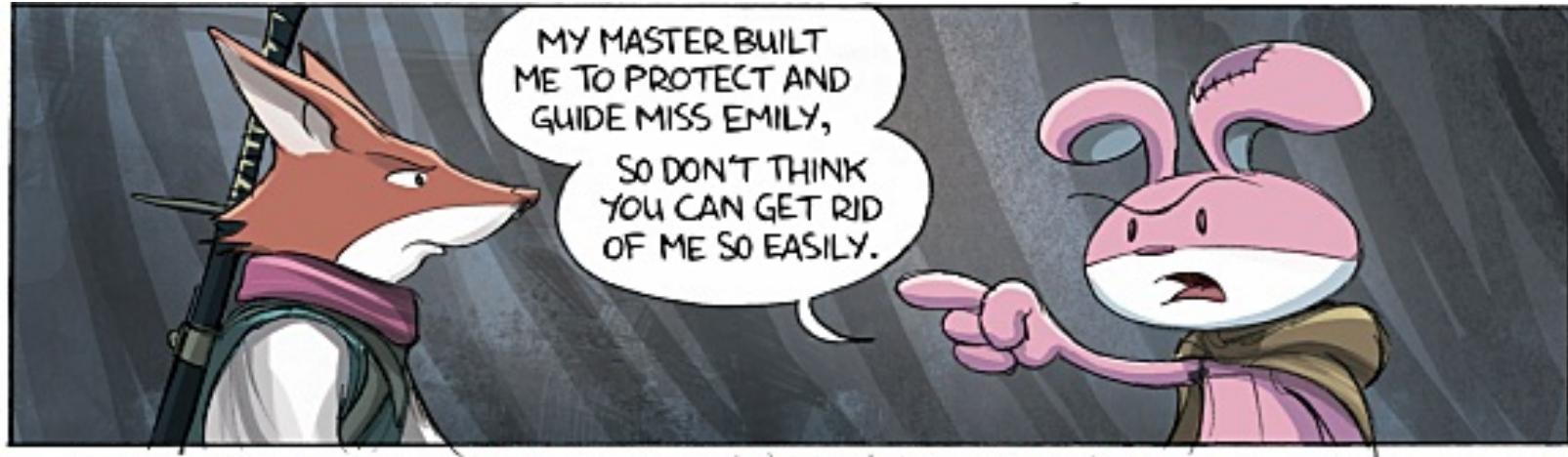
IT'S US TWO  
I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT.

US  
THREE.

ARE YOU  
CRAZY?!  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO GET YOURSELF  
KILLED!

HMPH.

MY MASTER BUILT  
ME TO PROTECT AND  
GUIDE MISS EMILY,  
SO DON'T THINK  
YOU CAN GET RID  
OF ME SO EASILY.

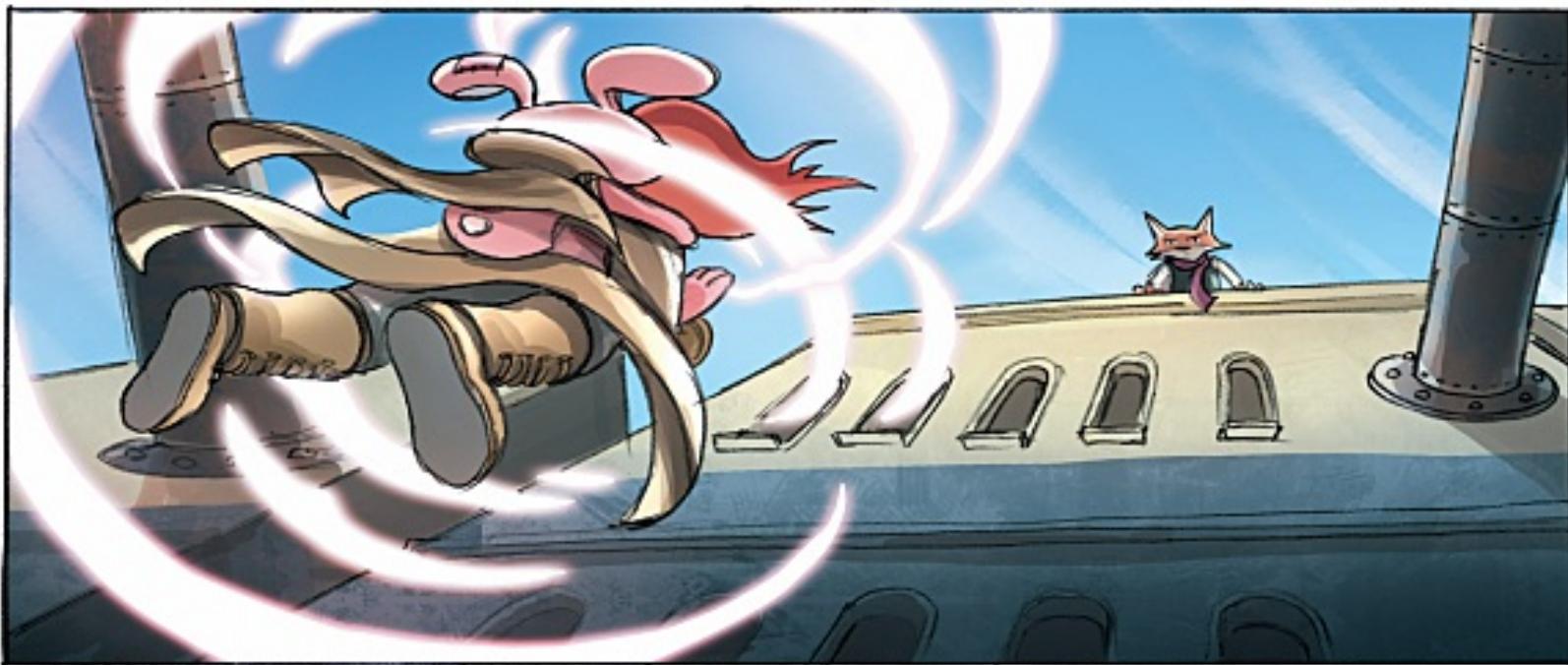




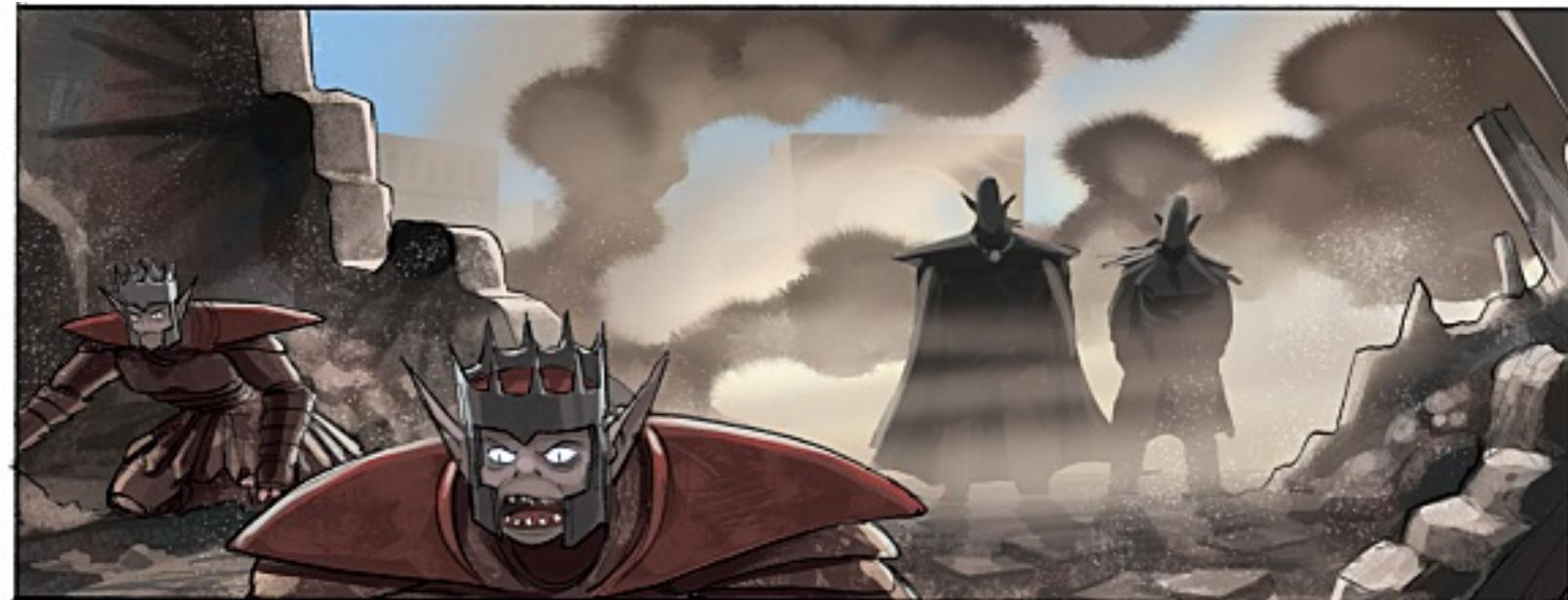




YOU SURE  
ABOUT THIS,  
EMILY?



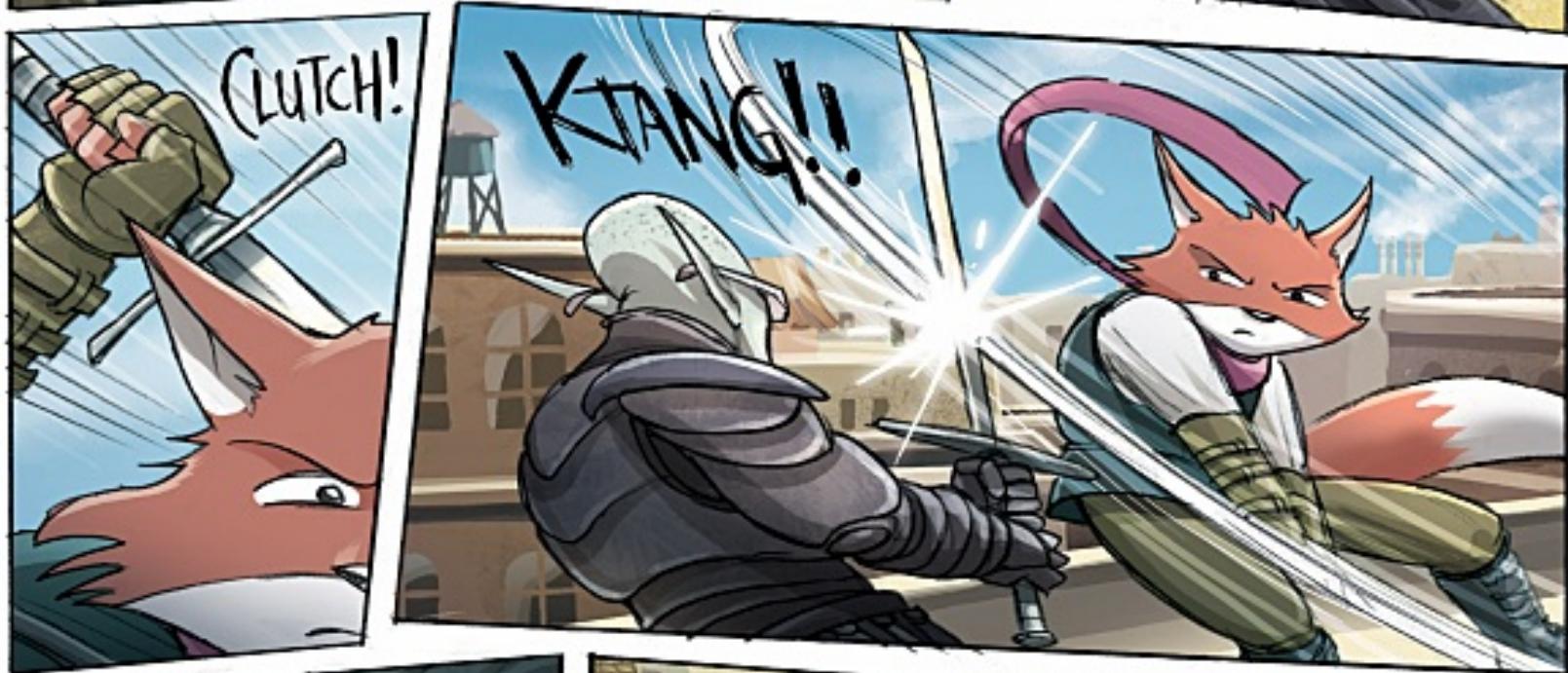


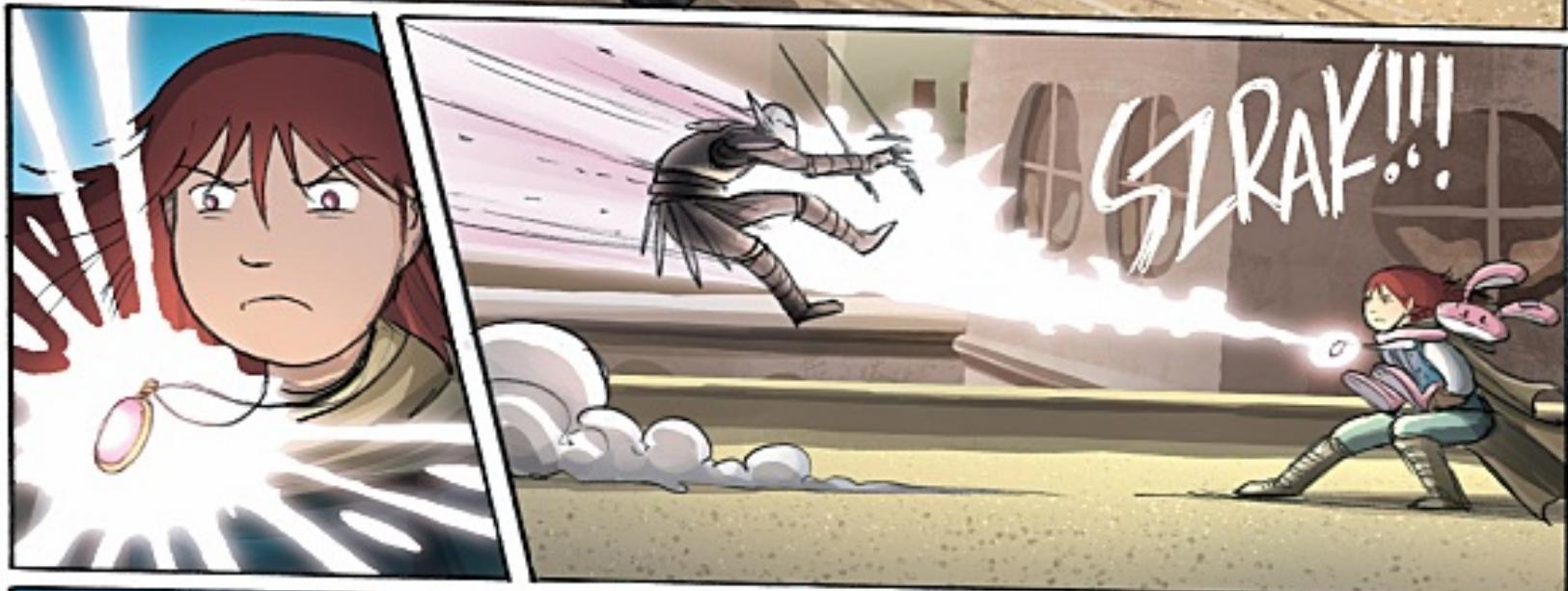




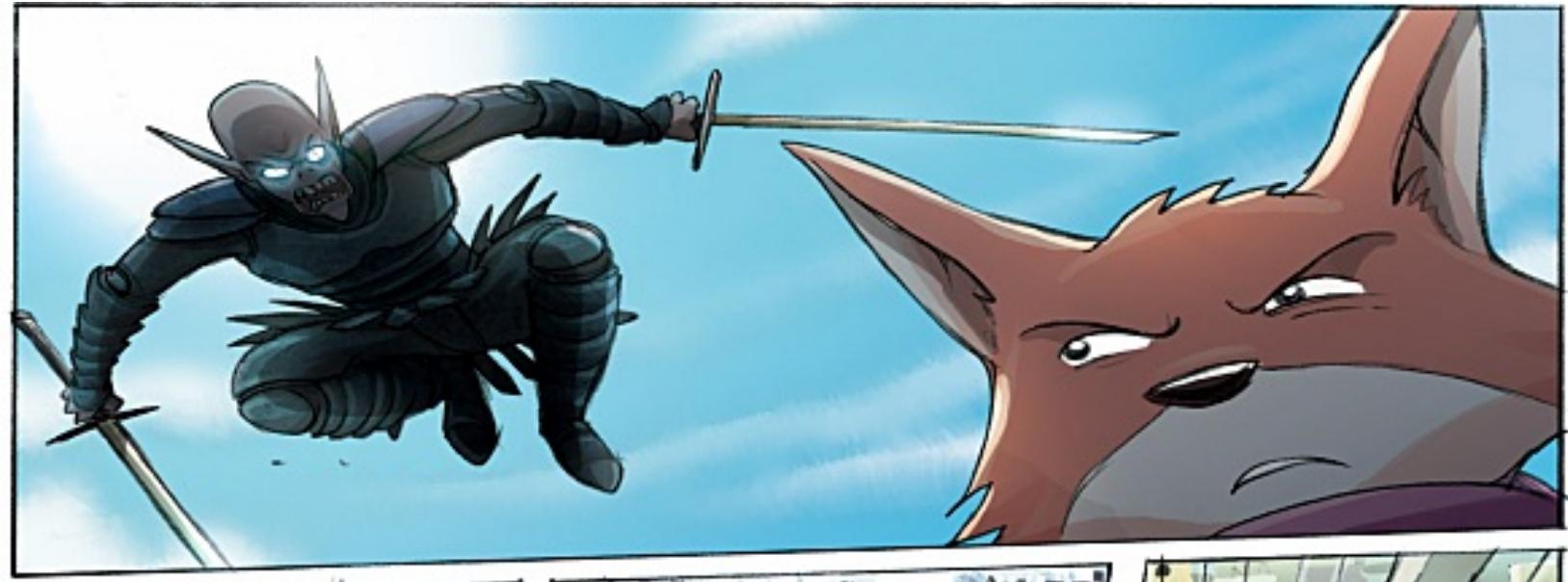






















HOW CAN I  
CONTROL THIS?

IT'S TOO  
POWERFUL.

I'LL SHOW  
YOU.

I HAVE SPENT  
MY ENTIRE LIFE  
PREPARING FOR  
THIS MOMENT.

WHEN I WAS A  
CHILD, THE ELDERS  
TOLD ME I WOULD  
MEET YOU.

ME?

THE ELDERS  
OF THE RESISTANCE  
HAVE FORETOLD ALL  
THAT HAS TRANSPRIED.  
I CAN ONLY HOPE THEY  
ARE RIGHT ABOUT  
YOU, TOO.

YOUR BROTHER  
WILL MEET THEM  
SOON.

NAVIN!

WILL HE AND  
MY MOM BE  
ALL RIGHT?

NOT TO  
WORRY.

THEY'RE IN  
VERY GOOD  
COMPANY.









YES.  
HE'S FOUND THE  
NEW STONEKEEPER,  
BALAN.

HE'S FOUND THE  
FIFTH MEMBER OF  
THE COUNCIL!



AFTER ALL  
THESE YEARS OF  
SEARCHING, HE  
FINALLY FOUND  
HIM --



HELLO.



FOUND  
HER.  
SHE IS  
A YOUNG  
WOMAN.  
AND  
THIS IS HER  
FAMILY.



THEY ARE SILAS'S  
DESCENDANTS!

THEN IT'S  
JUST AS THE  
ELDERS  
SAID --



YES,  
I KNOW.  
IT'S  
BEGUN.



WE NEED TO  
BRING MY MOM  
TO A SAFE PLACE.



YES, OF  
COURSE.  
PLEASE  
FOLLOW  
ME.



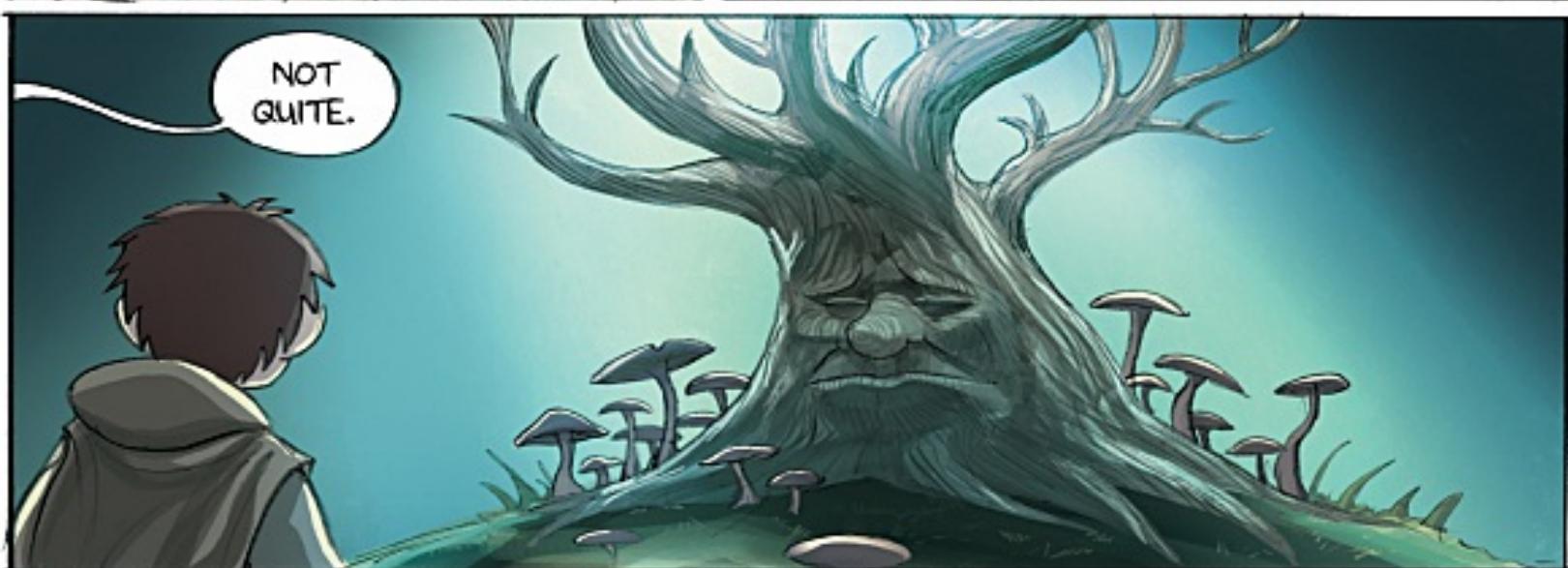
WHERE  
ARE WE?



THIS IS OUR  
UNDERGROUND  
HEADQUARTERS  
DEEP BELOW  
THE CITY.

HERE, OUR  
SECRETS ARE  
SAFE.





IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE HIS BRANCHES BORE FRUIT.

HE IS ONE OF THE LAST GADOBIA TREES, PLANTED HERE MANY YEARS AGO. HE WAS THE ONE WHO FORETOLD YOU AND YOUR SISTER'S COMING.

FATHER ADLER! IT IS I, BALAN.

I BRING WITH ME THE BROTHER OF THE STONEKEEPER.



OH...  
YOU'RE HERE.



I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT FOR QUITE SOME TIME.



PLEASE,  
HAVE A  
SEAT.

DO YOU  
KNOW WHY  
YOU'RE  
HERE?

WE'RE HERE  
TO SAVE MY  
MOM'S LIFE.

OH, BUT YOU  
WILL DO MUCH  
MORE THAN  
THAT.

SO YOU  
CAN REALLY  
SEE THE  
FUTURE?

I HAVE BEEN  
AROUND FOR SO  
LONG, AND I'VE  
SEEN SO MANY  
THINGS.

WHEN YOU LIVE  
AS LONG AS I DO,  
YOU BEGIN TO SEE  
PATTERNS IN LIFE.

WHEN I LOOK INTO  
THE FUTURE, I AM LOOKING  
INTO THESE PATTERNS.

YOU CREATURES  
ARE NOT AS  
COMPLEX AS YOU  
MAKE YOURSELVES  
OUT TO BE.

IF THERE  
IS ONLY BAD NEWS  
TO TELL, DO YOU  
STILL WISH TO  
HEAR IT?

IF YOU REALLY  
CAN SEE INTO  
THE FUTURE, THEN  
PLEASE TELL ME...

WILL MY SISTER  
BE OKAY?

IT MIGHT  
BE BETTER TO  
SIMPLY HOPE  
FOR THE BEST.



I NEED TO  
KNOW THE  
TRUTH.

WILL SHE  
BE OKAY?



I SEE THE IMAGE OF  
YOUR SISTER ARRIVING AT  
THE SUMMIT OF DEMON'S  
HEAD MOUNTAIN.

THERE SHE WILL MEET  
MY BROTHERS, AND SHE  
WILL ATTEMPT TO PICK  
THE FRUIT THAT WILL  
CURE YOUR MOTHER.



THE IMAGES THAT  
FOLLOW ARE MUCH  
LESS CLEAR.

BUT ONE PICTURE  
APPEARS VIVIDLY.

IT IS THE IMAGE  
OF YOUR SISTER  
FALLING OFF OF  
A CLIFF.

SHE IS  
UNCONSCIOUS,  
AND DEATH AWAITS  
HER BELOW.

NO.



MORRIE!  
WE HAVE TO  
LEAVE!  
NOW!



WAIT!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO HEAR ABOUT  
YOUR FUTURE!





PARDON THE INTERRUPTION, SIR,  
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE  
YOU COULD USE AN ARMY.

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D ALREADY LEFT, SIR.

BALAN.

NOT YOU,  
TOO! WHY IS  
EVERYONE  
CALLING ME  
'SIR'?

BECAUSE YOU  
ARE THIS ARMY'S  
COMMANDER.

C-COMMANDER?



YES, MY  
LORD.

I THOUGHT  
OUR JOB WAS  
TO CAPTURE  
HER.  
NOT  
KILL HER.

MERCY  
IS FOR THE  
WEAK, BOY.

IF SHE WILL NOT JOIN  
US, THEN KILLING HER IS  
OUR ONLY OPTION.

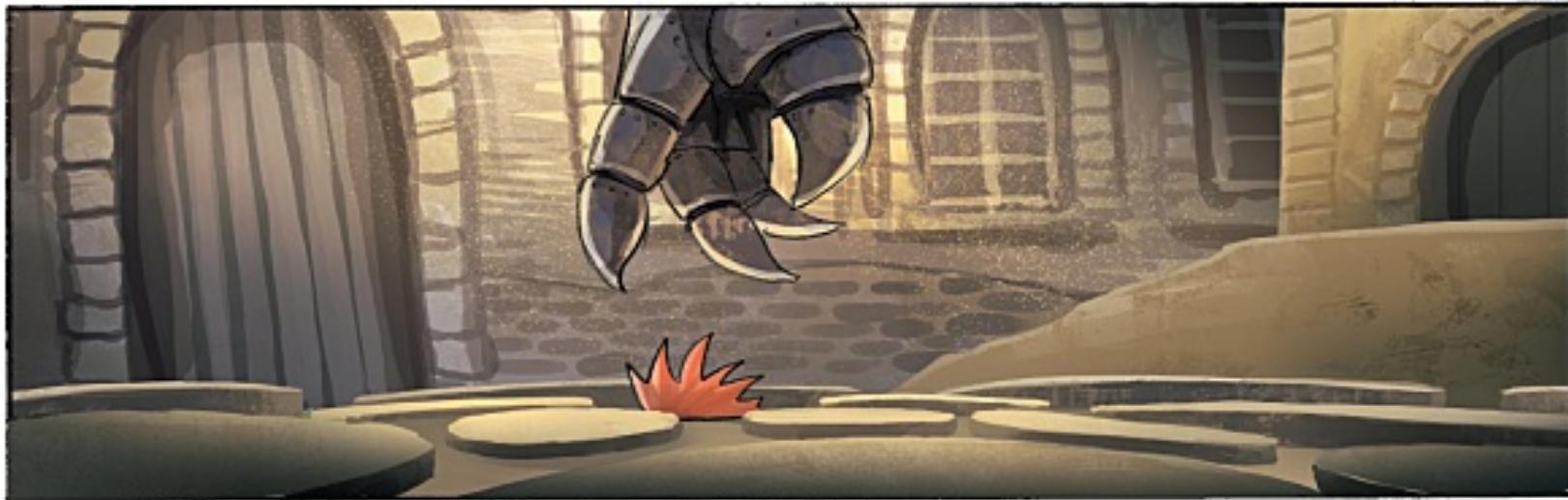
SHE IS FAR TOO  
DANGEROUS TO BE  
LEFT ALONE.

LUGER,  
I WOULD LIKE  
TRELLIS TO BE  
THE ONE TO  
DELIVER THE  
FATAL BLOW.

BY KILLING  
THE GIRL, HE  
CAN PROVE HIS  
LOYALTY TO ME.

SHOULD MY SON  
FAIL, YOU HAVE MY  
PERMISSION TO  
KILL HIM.

IS THAT  
UNDERSTOOD?



HMM.

SNIF!  
SNIF!

A FOX.

SIR, MY MEN  
HAVE REPORTED  
SEEING THE TARGETS  
EN ROUTE TO DEMON'S  
HEAD MOUNTAIN.

LIEUTENANT,  
BRING ME  
THE CRAWLER  
HOUNDS.

IT IS TIME  
TO FINISH  
THIS HUNT.









OTHERWISE,  
YOU WILL POSE A  
GREATER THREAT  
TO OUR SAFETY  
THAN EVEN OUR  
ENEMIES.



BUT HER MOTHER  
GROWS WORSE BY  
THE HOUR.



WE DON'T  
HAVE TIME!



THEN WE  
MUST WORK  
SWIFTLY.



EMILY,  
YOU WILL NEED  
TO CHOOSE  
A WEAPON.



I CAN  
OFFER YOU  
MY SWORD.



IT WILL  
ALLOW YOU  
TO HARNESS  
YOUR POWER  
AND FOCUS  
YOUR ENERGY.



KEEP  
YOUR  
SWORD.



HOW ABOUT  
THIS WALKING  
STICK?



WELL, WHAT HE WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU IS THAT THERE IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN ALLEDIA FIGHTING AGAINST THE ELF KING'S TERRIBLE RULE.

SILAS WAS ONE OF THESE PEOPLE.

AND NOW YOU HAVE TAKEN HIS PLACE.



BUT ALL I WANT TO DO IS FIND A CURE FOR MY MOM AND GET MY FAMILY BACK HOME SAFELY.

AND I WILL HELP YOU DO THAT, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU HAVE AN EVEN GREATER MISSION AHEAD OF YOU.

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IF WE DO NOT STOP THE ELF KING, YOUR MOTHER WILL NOT BE THE ONLY ONE TO DIE.

IF WE FAIL, WE WILL ALL PERISH.



BUT WHY  
ME?

IT'S IN YOUR  
BLOOD, EMILY.

THEY'RE  
DESCENDANTS  
OF SILAS, TOO.

WHY DIDN'T  
THEY WEAR  
THE STONE?

BUT MY  
MOM, AND HER  
FATHER --

BECAUSE  
SILAS CHOSE  
TO LEAVE THEM  
IN THE DARK.

HE KEPT THEM  
UNAWARE OF THEIR  
DUTY AS HEIRS TO THE  
STONE, AND LEFT THEM  
TO LEAD WHAT HE FELT  
WAS A NORMAL LIFE.

WHAT HE FAILED TO  
REALIZE IS THAT BY  
KEEPING THEM FROM  
THEIR FATE,  
HE HAS  
PASSED THEIR  
BURDEN DOWN  
TO YOU.

HOW CAN  
YOU SAY HE  
FAILED?  
HE ONLY  
DID WHAT HE  
THOUGHT WAS  
BEST FOR HIS  
FAMILY.

EVEN WITH  
YOUR MOTHER'S  
LIFE ON THE LINE,  
AND THE LIVES OF  
HER CHILDREN  
THREATENED,

YOU WOULD  
SAY HE DID  
NOT FAIL?

HAD SILAS CHOSEN  
TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT  
FOR ALL OF US, HE  
COULD HAVE SPARED  
YOU FROM THIS  
CURSE.

OR MY MOM  
COULD HAVE  
DIED TRYING.

NOT EVERYBODY  
WANTS TO BE A  
HERO, LEON.

BUT THEY  
SHOULD.

NOW LOOK  
HERE, MISTER  
REDBEARD.

I KNOW YOU'RE  
SOME KIND OF GREAT  
WARRIOR, BUT SILAS  
LEFT NO MENTION  
OF YOU.

HE DID, HOWEVER,  
LEAVE ME TO LOOK  
AFTER MY MASTER,  
EMILY.

NOW IF YOU'LL  
KINDLY SHOW US  
THE WAY UP THE  
MOUNTAIN, WE  
CAN BE ON  
OUR WAY.

FINE.

IF THAT IS  
ALL YOU CARE  
ABOUT, THEN  
FOLLOW ME.

SEE?  
YOU JUST  
HAVE TO ASK  
NICELY.



IT IS THE  
ENTRANCE TO  
THE ONLY KNOWN  
PASSAGEWAY UP  
DEMON'S HEAD  
MOUNTAIN.

YES,  
BUT WHAT IS  
THAT BLOCKING  
THE WAY?

TWENTY TONS  
OF EXPLOSIVES.

IF ANYONE  
WERE TO TRY  
AND IGNITE IT,  
THE EXPLOSION  
WOULD DESTROY  
THE ENTRANCE.

AND THE  
INTRUDERS.

IT IS MEANT TO  
BE A SAFEGUARD  
TO KEEP PEOPLE  
AWAY FROM THIS  
PLACE.





HOW DO WE  
GET PAST IT?

THE STONEKEEPER  
MUST MOVE IT.

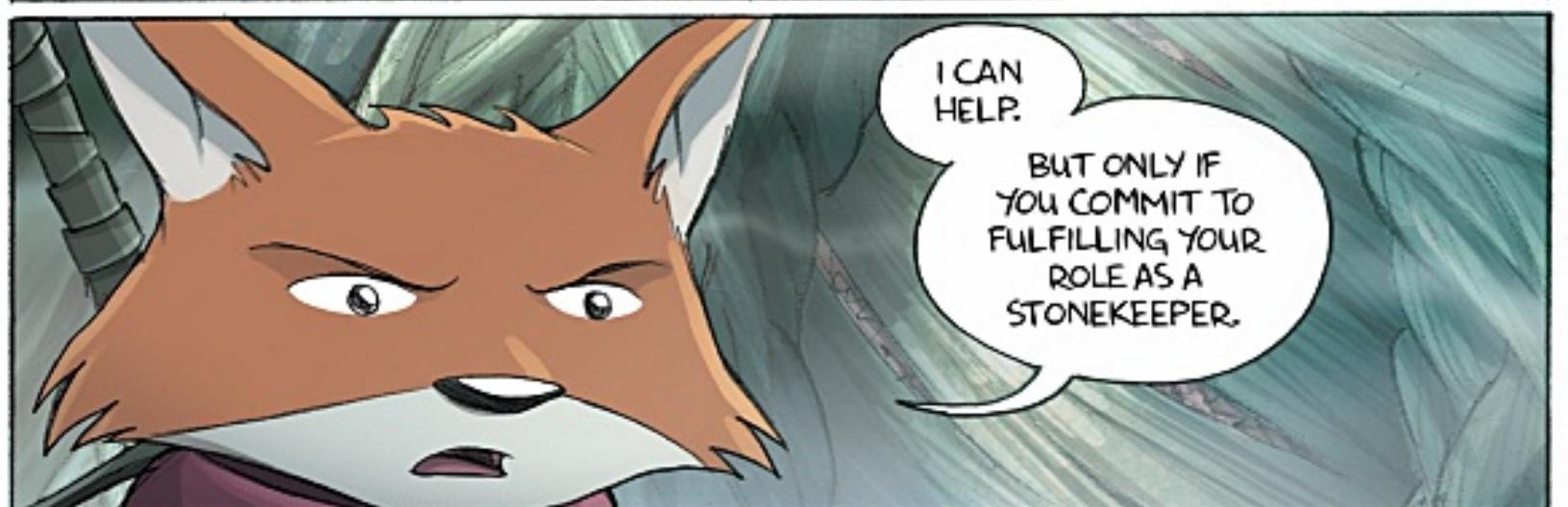


AND YOU CAN  
SHOW ME HOW TO  
CONTROL THESE  
POWERS?



NOW DO YOU  
SEE WHY YOU'RE  
NOT READY?  
IF YOU FAIL  
TO CONTROL YOUR  
POWERS, YOU WILL  
DESTROY THE ENTRANCE  
AND KILL US ALL.

BEFORE THE  
JOURNEY'S EVEN  
BEGUN.



I CAN  
HELP.

BUT ONLY IF  
YOU COMMIT TO  
FULFILLING YOUR  
ROLE AS A  
STONEKEEPER.

YOU MUST  
BELIEVE THAT  
YOU ARE HERE  
BY CHOICE,  
AND NOT BY  
CIRCUMSTANCE.

BUT WHAT  
IF THAT'S NOT  
TRUE?

YOU MUST  
MAKE IT  
TRUE.

TAKE CONTROL  
OF YOUR LIFE,  
AND THE STONE  
WILL FOLLOW.

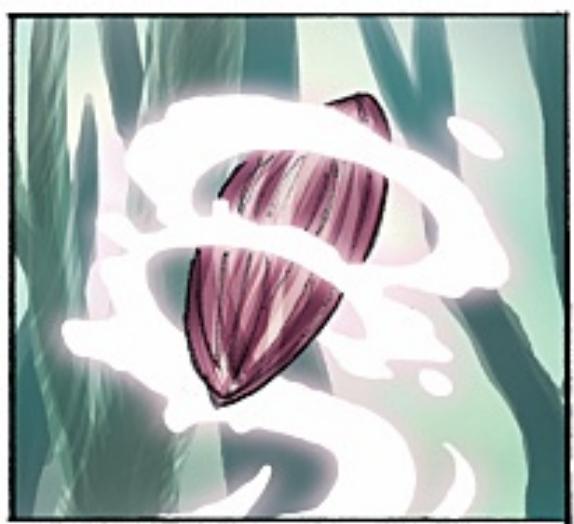
HERE ---

WE'LL  
START  
SMALL.

I WANT YOU  
TO PICK UP THIS  
SEED USING YOUR  
POWERS.

WITHOUT  
BURNING IT.





LEON,  
I CAN'T  
DO IT.

YES, YOU  
CAN.

TRY  
AGAIN.

BUT THIS  
TIME, TRY  
USING YOUR  
STAFF.

HOW WILL  
THIS HELP?

TOK!

MISS EMILY,  
YOU'VE BEEN  
ABLE TO DO THIS  
BEFORE.  
YOU LIFTED  
ME WITHOUT  
BURNING ME,  
REMEMBER?

INFUSE THE  
STAFF WITH THE  
POWER OF THE  
STONE.

IT WILL HELP  
YOU FOCUS THE  
ENERGY.

BUT I'LL  
BURN IT, LIKE  
THE SEEDS.

YOU SEE?  
YOU ALREADY  
KNOW HOW TO  
DO THIS.

BUT WITH MISKIT, IT'S DIFFERENT.

I-I DON'T KNOW. IT JUST IS.

AND WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

HOW SO?

BECAUSE!  
I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM, I WANT TO PROTECT HIM.

HE'S A LIVING THING.

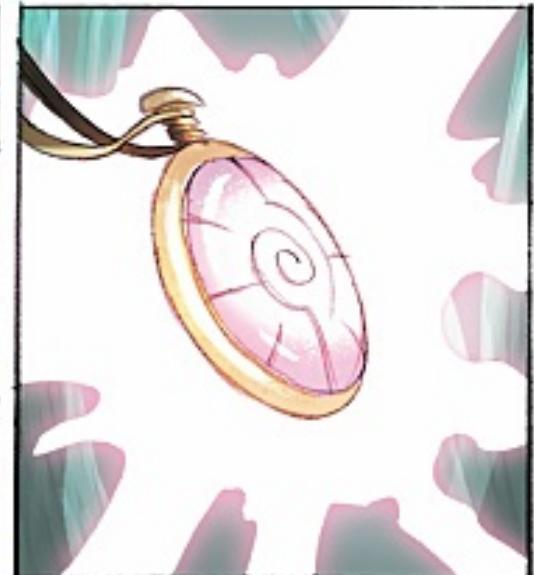
WELL, SO IS THIS SEED.  
NOW PROTECT IT.

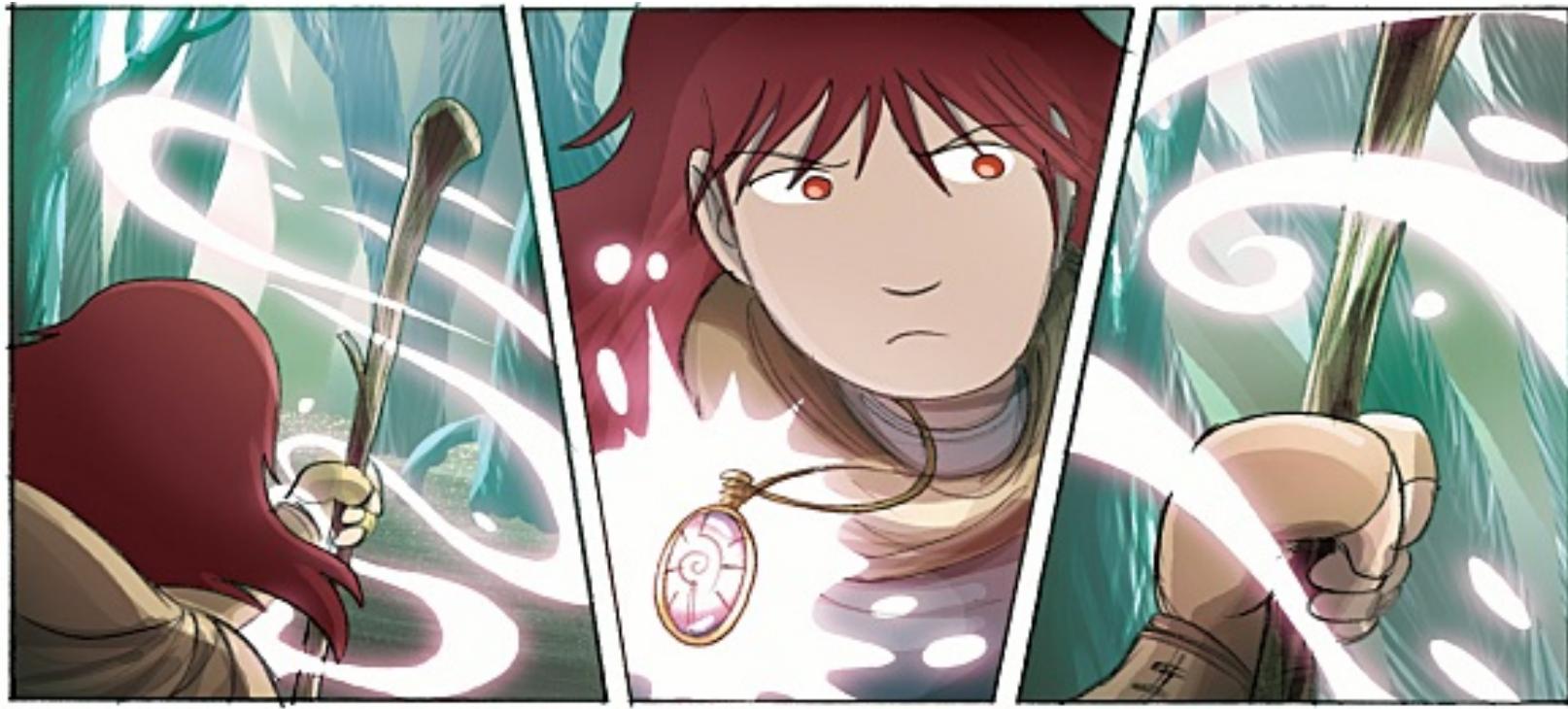
IT'S NOT THE SAME.

BUT IT IS.

SOON, YOU'LL COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYTHING HAS A LIFE FORCE...

SOME LIVES ARE EASY TO DETECT.









BUT ONE'S  
QUEST FOR  
POWER IS TOO  
IMPORTANT,  
RIGHT?

I LIKE THE  
FOX MAN. HE  
HAS A DESIRE  
TO FIGHT.

...

LET'S SHOW  
HIM WHAT A  
POWERFUL ALLY  
HE HAS.

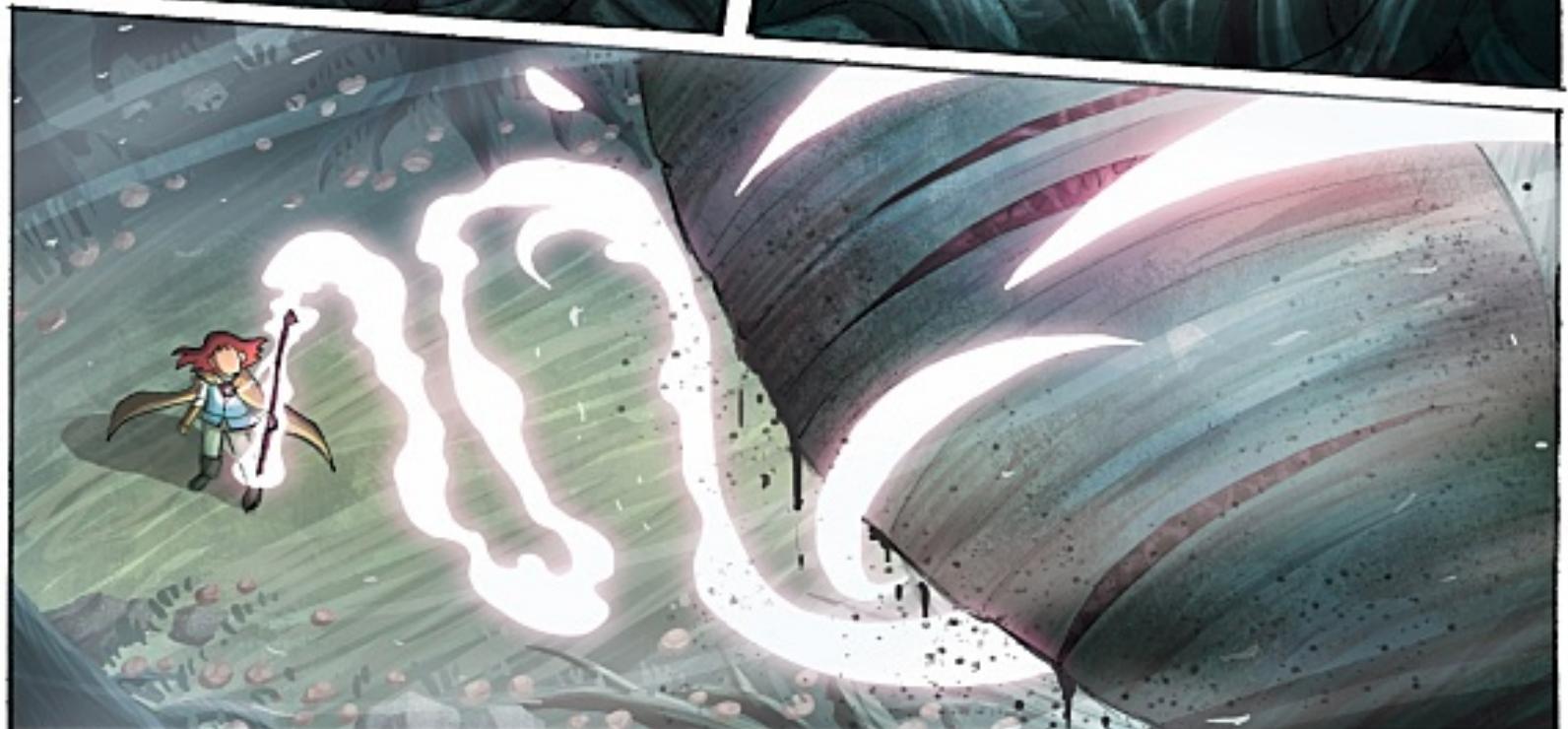
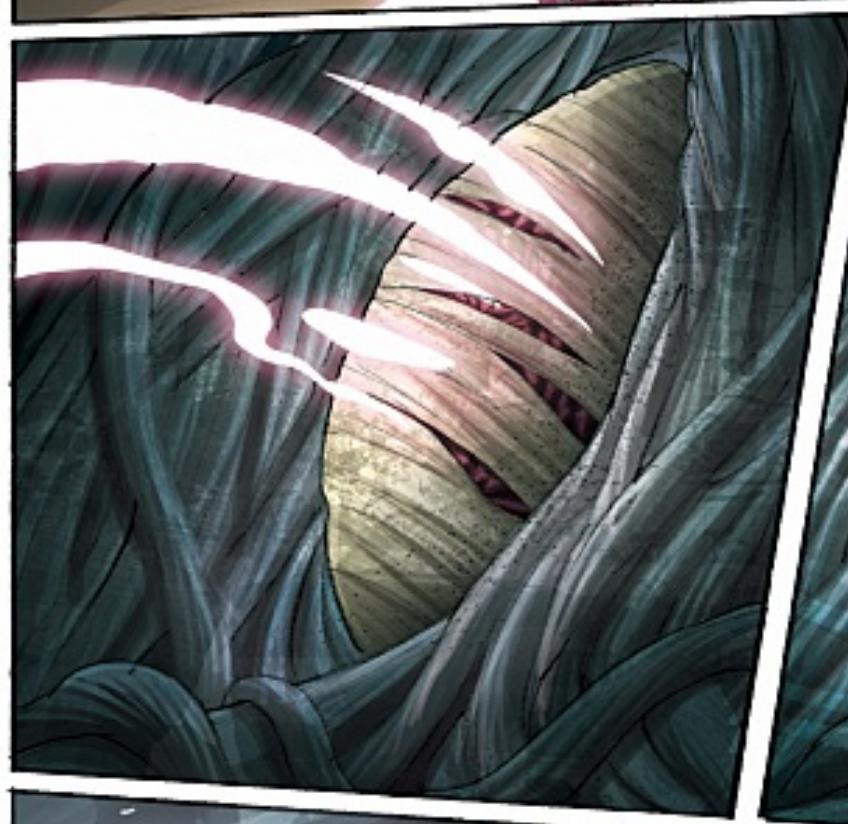
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OOOF!

EMILY!  
STOP!!!





KRA-KOOM!



EMILY?

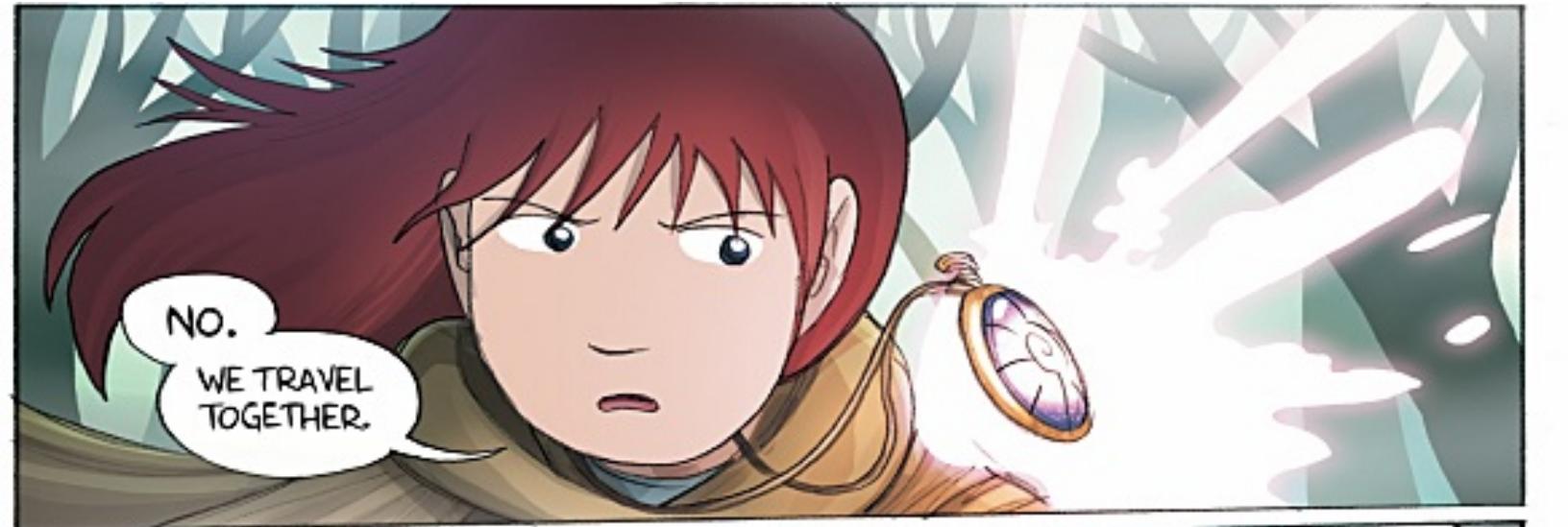
YOU DON'T  
NEED THEM,  
MASTER. WE CAN DO  
THIS ON OUR  
OWN.

ARE YOU  
OKAY?

THEY'LL ONLY  
SLOW US DOWN  
AND MAKE US  
WEAKER.

LEAVE  
THEM  
BEHIND.

THIS ROAD  
BELONGS TO  
US.



NO.

WE TRAVEL  
TOGETHER.



AS YOU  
WISH.



LEON --



I'M  
FINE.

ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?



SOMETHING'S  
HAPPENING  
TO ME.

YOU'RE GROWING IN STRENGTH.

AND SO IS THE STONE. POWERFUL THE AMULET BECOMES, THE MORE DIFFICULT IT WILL BE TO CONTROL.

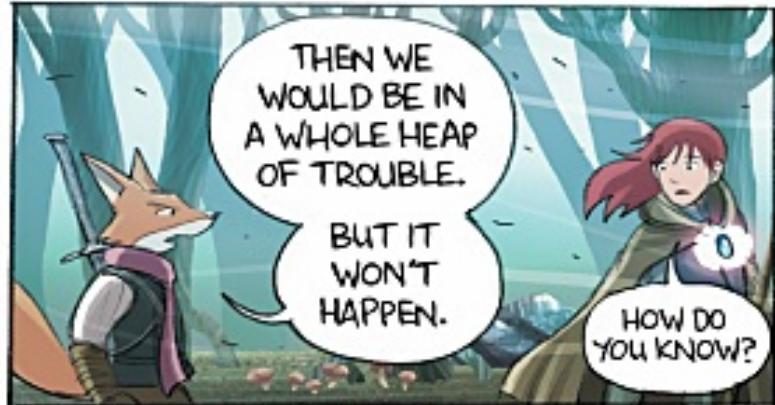
AND WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOSE CONTROL?



THEN WE WOULD BE IN A WHOLE HEAP OF TROUBLE.

BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?



BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE GADOBIA TREES WERE RIGHT ABOUT YOU.

THE GADOBIA TREES?

YOU CAN SPEAK TO THEM?

OF COURSE.

AND I IMAGINE THEY LOOK FORWARD TO SPEAKING WITH YOU, TOO.

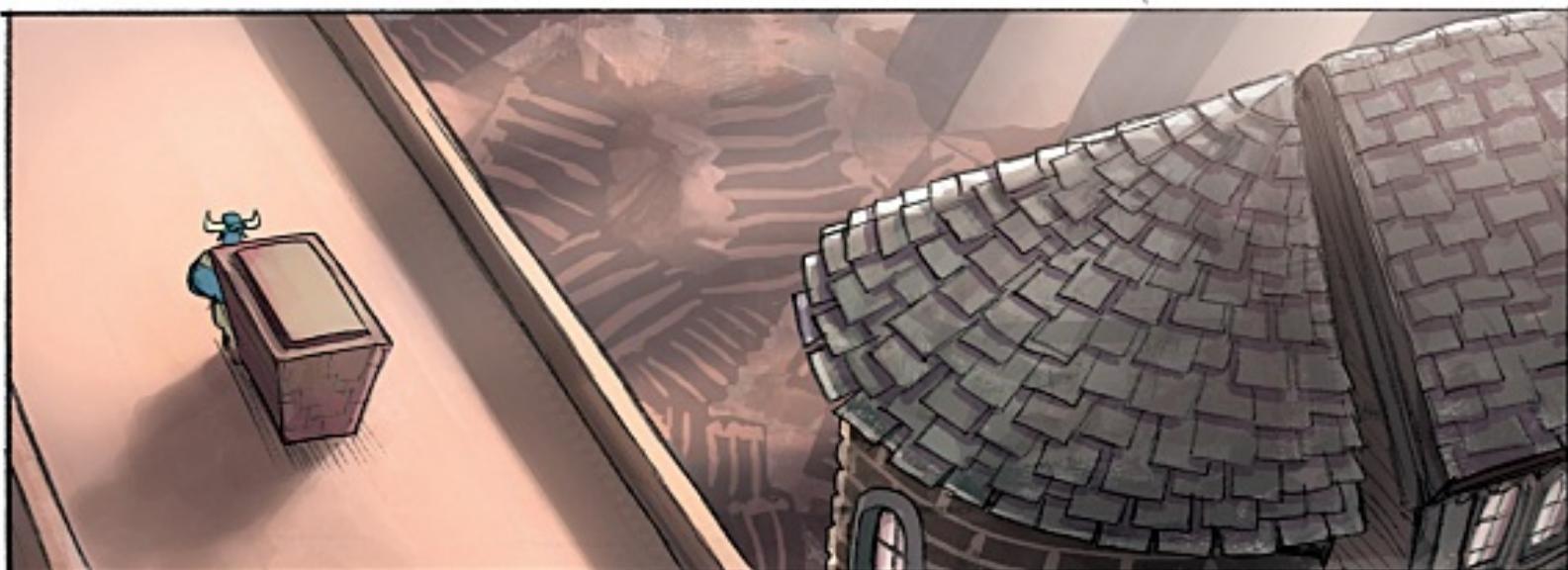
NOW, FOLLOW ME.

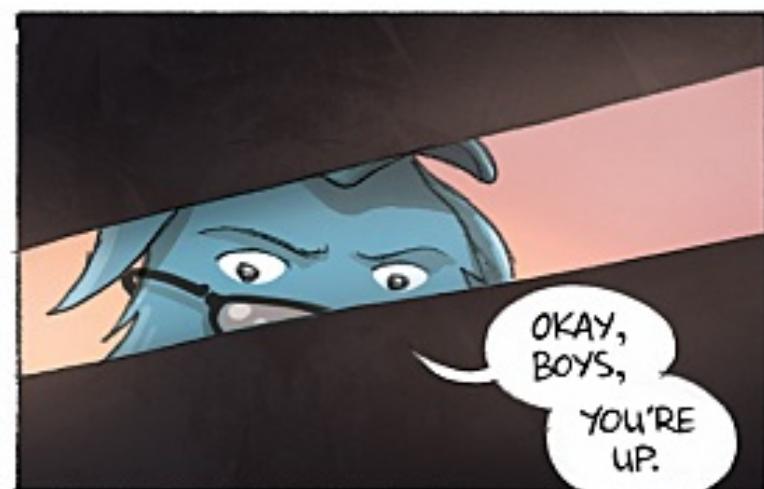
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOSE.















I'LL GET  
YOU OUT  
OF HERE,  
THEODORE.





BOOT SEQUENCE  
INITIATED.

WE SHOULD BE UP  
AND RUNNING IN  
THIRTY MINUTES.

THAT'S A  
STRANGE QUESTION  
TO ASK A ROBOT,

BUT I DO BELIEVE  
IN PREDICTIONS BASED  
ON SOUND MATHEMATICAL  
ASSUMPTIONS.

COGSLEY, DO  
YOU BELIEVE IN  
PREMONITIONS?

IF THE  
"PREMONITIONS"  
WERE BASED ON  
SUCH MATH, I  
WOULD BELIEVE  
THEM.

THEN LET'S  
HOPE TREES  
ARE BAD AT  
MATH.

PSHT!



YOU'RE  
GOING TO KILL  
YOURSELF.

WE BETTER  
REST HERE  
FOR NOW.

YOU NEVER  
ANSWERED MY  
QUESTION,  
LEON.



WHAT HAPPENS  
TO A STONEKEEPER  
WHEN THEY LOSE  
CONTROL OF THE  
STONE?

THEY...  
...CHANGE.

CHANGE?

THIRTY YEARS AGO,  
A GROUP OF FOUR  
YOUNG STONEKEEPERS  
LOST CONTROL OF  
THEIR POWERS...

THE STONES TOOK CONTROL OF THEIR MINDS AND BODIES, AND WITH THE POWER SURGING THROUGH THEM, THEY WERE TRANSFORMED INTO COLOSSAL BEASTS.

WHEN THE TRANSFORMATION WAS COMPLETE, THEY BECAME DETERMINED TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH, SETTING THE SURFACE OF ALLEDIA AFLAME.



IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE STONEKEEPERS WHO FOUGHT BACK AGAINST THE MONSTERS, YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER AMONG THEM, NONE OF US WOULD STILL BE AROUND TODAY.



THE RESISTANCE WAS  
ABLE TO DESTROY THESE  
POWER-HUNGRY ROGUE  
STONEKEEPERS.

EXCEPT FOR ONE.

HE USED TO BE A QUIET  
BOY FROM A SMALL ELF  
VILLAGE, BUT AFTER HIS  
TRANSFORMATION, HE  
WAS NEVER THE SAME.

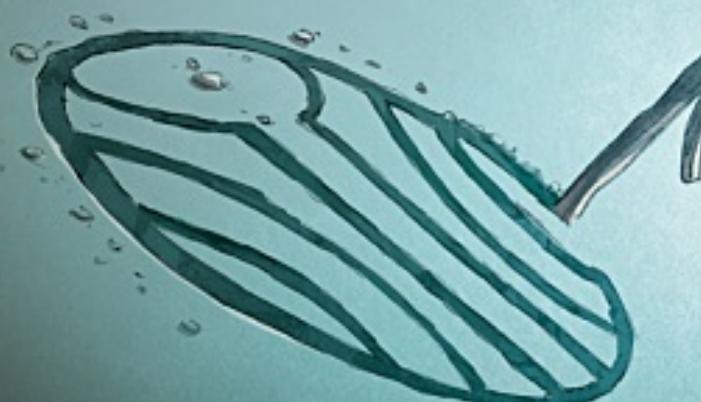
THE ELDERS WERE ABLE  
TO SEPARATE HIM FROM  
HIS STONE, AND DESPITE  
HIS REQUESTS TO BE  
EXECUTED, THEY LOCKED  
HIM UP IN AN ATTEMPT  
TO CURE HIM OF ITS  
CURSE.



BUT WHEN HE TALKED,  
HE SPOKE ONLY OF HIS  
DESIRE FOR POWER, AND  
WARNED OF DARK DAYS  
TO COME.



HE TOLD THEM THAT  
THEY WOULD REGRET  
HAVING KEPT HIM  
ALIVE,

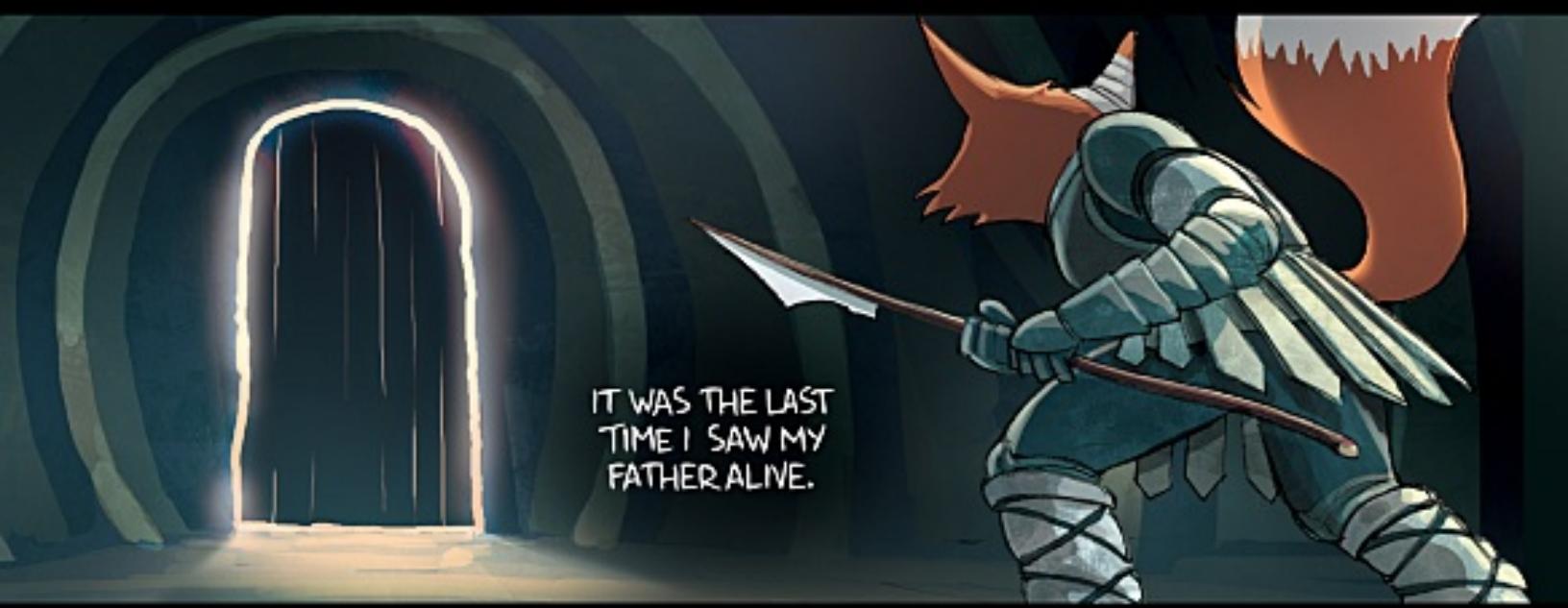


AND THAT  
HE WOULD SHOW  
THEM WHY.



MY FATHER WAS  
ONE OF THE GUARDS  
ASSIGNED TO WATCH  
OVER THE ELF.

HE WAS THERE  
THE NIGHT THE  
STONE RETURNED  
TO HELP THE BOY  
ESCAPE.



IT WAS THE LAST  
TIME I SAW MY  
FATHER ALIVE.



AND IT WAS THE  
NIGHT THE ELF KING  
WAS BORN.



SO THAT BOY WAS THE ELF KING.

YES.



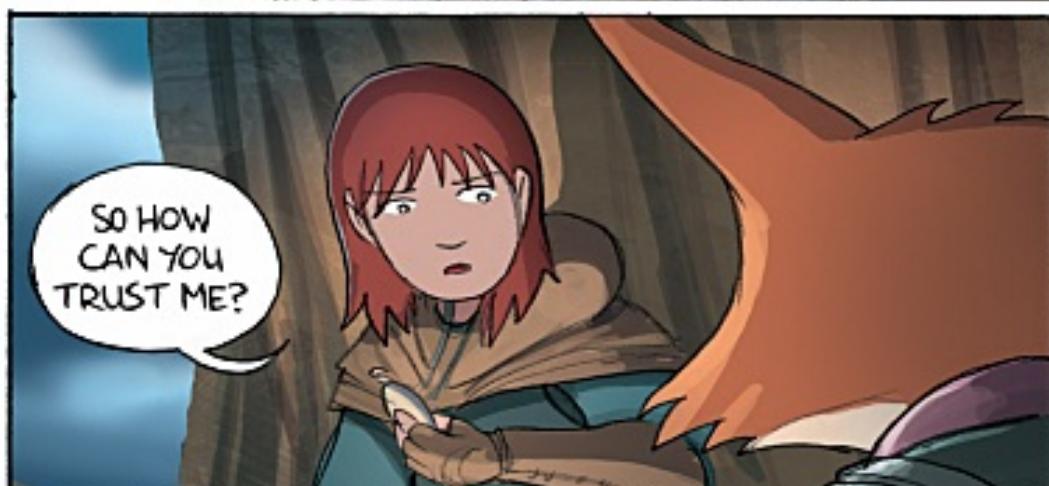
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS? BECAUSE HE KILLED YOUR FATHER?



I AM NOT MOTIVATED BY VENGEANCE. I DO THIS TO HONOR HIM.



THESE STONES ARE WHAT KILLED YOUR FATHER.



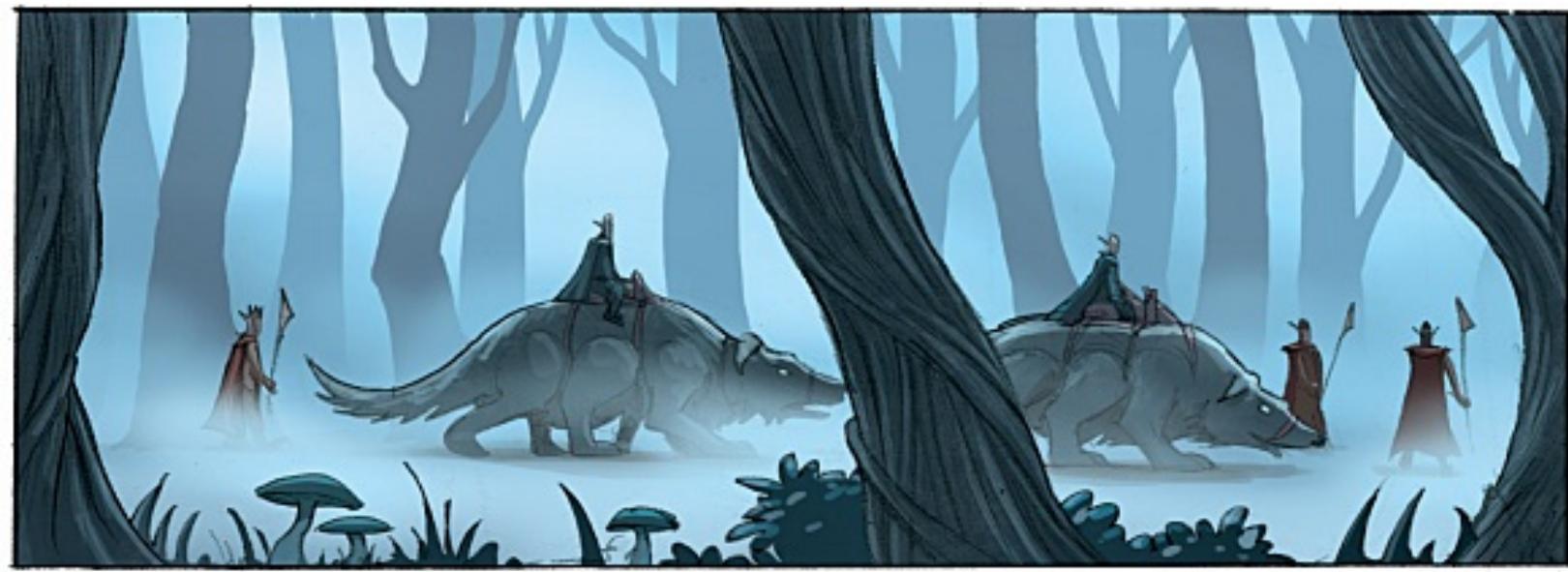
SO HOW CAN YOU TRUST ME?



MY MISSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO DESTROY THE ELF KING.



AND YOU'RE THE BEST HOPE I HAVE FOR SEEING THAT HAPPEN.





I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE TALKING  
ABOUT, LUGER.

STOP THE  
CONVOY.



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?!

LET GO  
OF ME!!!



IT'S TIME TO  
END THIS.



WAIT!

YOU HAVEN'T  
EVEN GIVEN  
ME A CHANCE  
TO PROVE  
MYSELF!

YOU'VE HAD  
PLENTY OF  
CHANCES  
ALREADY.

IN EVERY  
INSTANCE, YOU  
HAVE FAILED.

SO I'M GOING  
TO HELP YOU  
THIS TIME.

AND THE  
ONLY WAY I CAN  
MAKE SURE YOU  
SUCCEED --

-- IS BY TAKING  
YOU OUT OF THE  
EQUATION.

AFTER THE  
WOUNDS HAVE  
HEALED, YOU WILL  
THANK ME FOR  
THIS.

NO!!



NGH...

SOME DAY YOU  
MAY ALSO LEARN  
TO DO WHAT IS  
RIGHT,

EVEN IF  
IT HURTS.

I'M SORRY,  
MY PRINCE.

BUT I  
WILL NOT LET  
YOU RUIN MY  
OPPORTUNITY.

LET'S  
MOVE.



THE GADOB  
FOREST SHOULD  
BE AROUND HERE  
SOMEWHERE.



I DON'T SEE  
ANYTHING.

THE FOG IS  
TOO THICK.

THAT'S  
STRANGE.



SHOULDN'T  
THOSE TREES  
BE RIGHT --



-- IN FRONT  
OF US.





SO MANY SKELETONS. WHO WERE ALL THESE PEOPLE?



TRAVELERS.



JUST LIKE YOU.  
THEY ALL CAME HERE LOOKING FOR THE SAME THING.



THE FRUIT THAT CAN CURE ANY POISON.

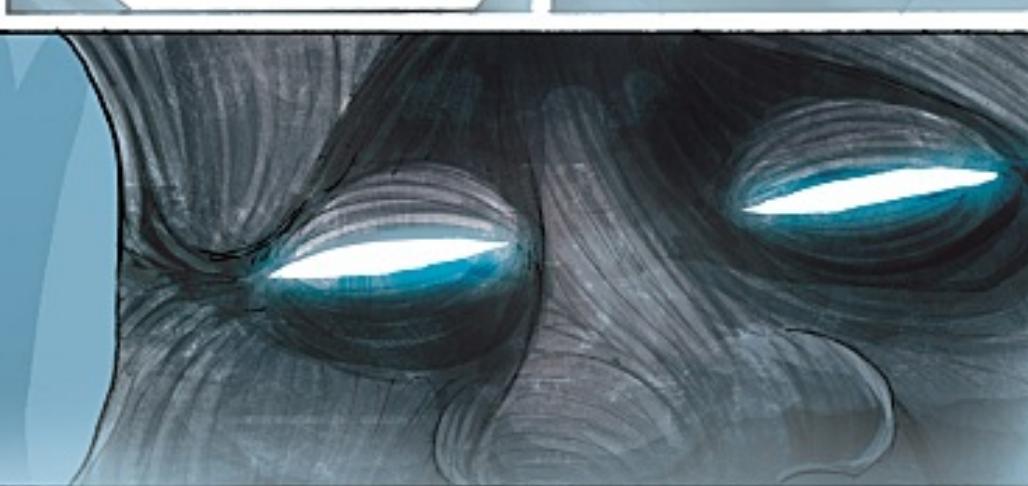
AN ELIXIR FOR ALL THINGS.



IMAGINE THE POWER IT WOULD BRING TO THOSE WHO CONTROLLED IT.



MANY HAVE KILLED THEIR COMPANIONS TO HAVE IT FOR THEMSELVES.



UNDoubtedly, THIS IS WHAT YOU SEEK AS WELL...

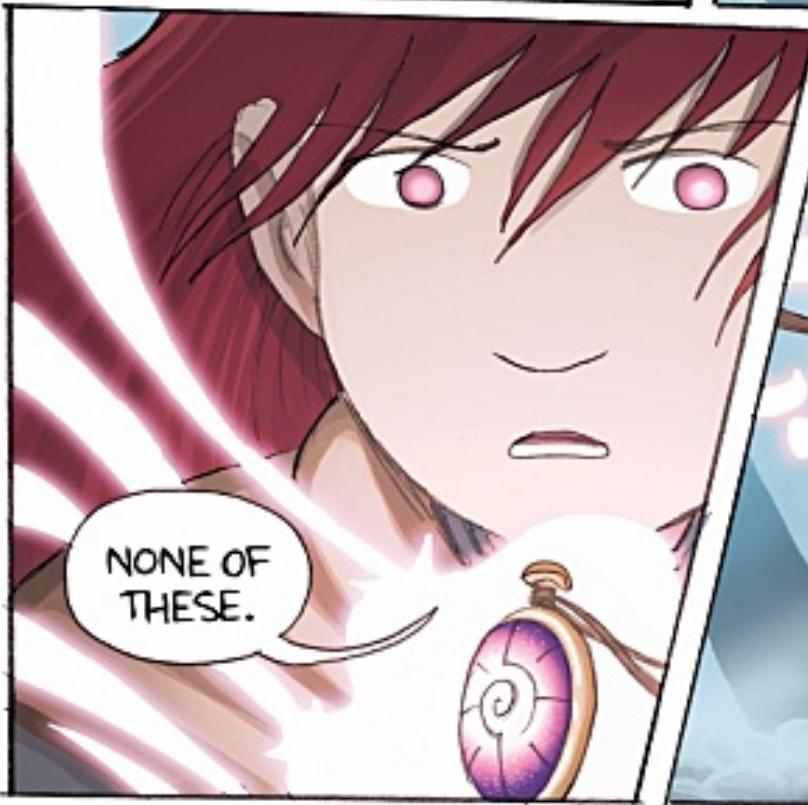




JUST  
REMEMBER.  
WHAT I TOLD  
YOU.

EVERYTHING  
HAS A LIFE  
FORCE.









THEN THIS  
IS ALL WE  
NEED.

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
HELP.



NO.

THANK  
YOU, YOUNG  
STONEKEEPER.

AND GOOD  
LUCK.



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?

WE SHOULD  
TAKE AS MANY  
AS WE CAN!



WHAT IF WE  
LOSE THAT  
ONE?

AND JUST  
IMAGINE WHAT  
WE COULD DO  
WITH MORE!



IF WE TAKE  
MORE THAN WE  
NEED, WE'RE  
BOUND TO CAUSE  
MORE TROUBLE.



I TOLD YOU  
I'M HERE TO  
SAVE MY MOM.  
THAT'S IT.

BUT...  
BUT...

AT LEAST  
GET A FRESH  
ONE!



SH!





YOUR JOURNEY  
DOWN THE MOUNTAIN  
WILL BE FAR MORE  
TREACHEROUS THAN  
THE JOURNEY  
HERE.



OH,  
AND PLEASE  
GIVE BROTHER  
ADLER OUR WELL  
WISHES.

I WILL.

LET'S  
GO.

WE'LL BE  
HARDER TO  
TRACK IN THE  
NIGHT.



HE ALREADY  
KNOWS.

BROTHER  
MALKEN,

WHY DID YOU  
NOT TELL HIM  
ABOUT WHAT  
LIES AHEAD?







YOU DO NOT  
LOOK PLEASED  
TO SEE ME.



IT HAS BEEN A  
LONG TIME SINCE  
YOUR PEOPLE HAVE  
BEEN WELCOME  
HERE.

OH YES,  
I NOTICED.

MOST OF THE  
SKELETONS HERE  
ARE THE REMAINS  
OF ELVES, ARE  
THEY NOT?



YOU AND YOUR  
CRONIES HAVE KILLED  
MORE ELVES THAN  
THE PLAGUE!



EVERY ONE OF  
THEM CHOSE THE  
FRUIT THAT BROUGHT  
THEIR DEMISE.

IT WAS NOT  
OUR DOING, BUT  
THEIR OWN.





WE HAVE TO GO BACK.

NO.  
THERE'S  
NOTHING WE  
CAN DO TO  
HELP.

THE ELVES ARE CLOSE, SO WE MUST HURRY.

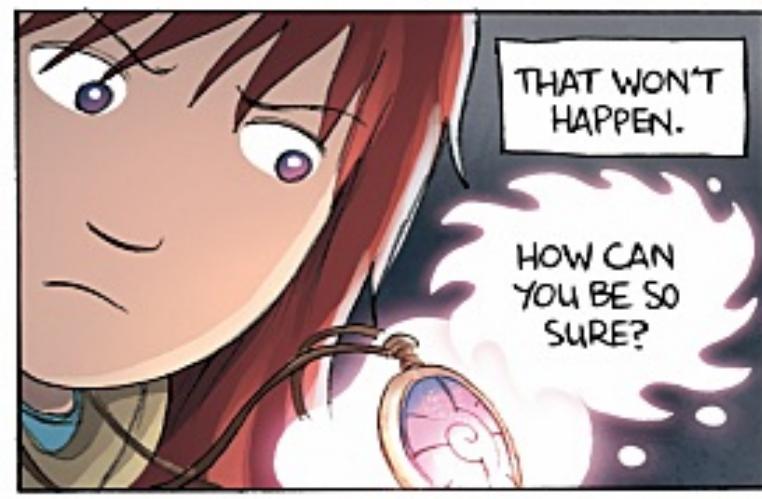
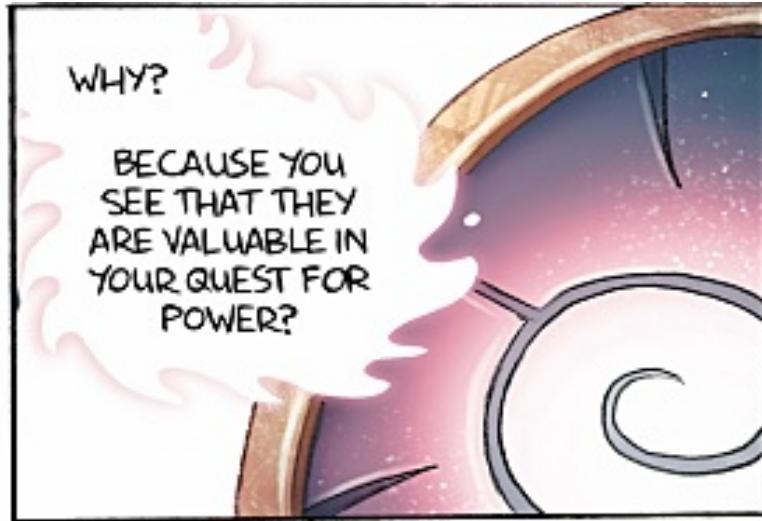
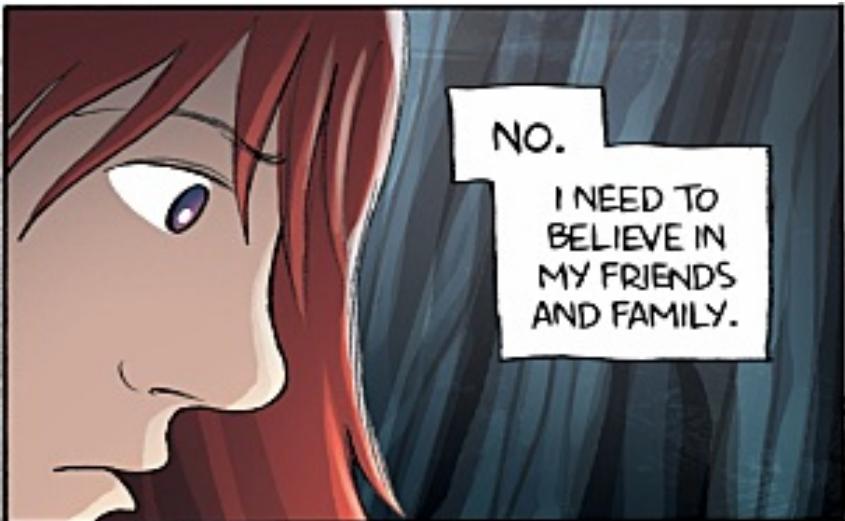
YOU CAN-  
NOT RELY ON  
THEM --

FOR THEIR  
SAKE.

YOU MUST  
TAKE MATTERS  
INTO YOUR OWN  
HANDS!

YOU AND I  
CAN DESTROY  
THE ELVES  
OURSELVES.

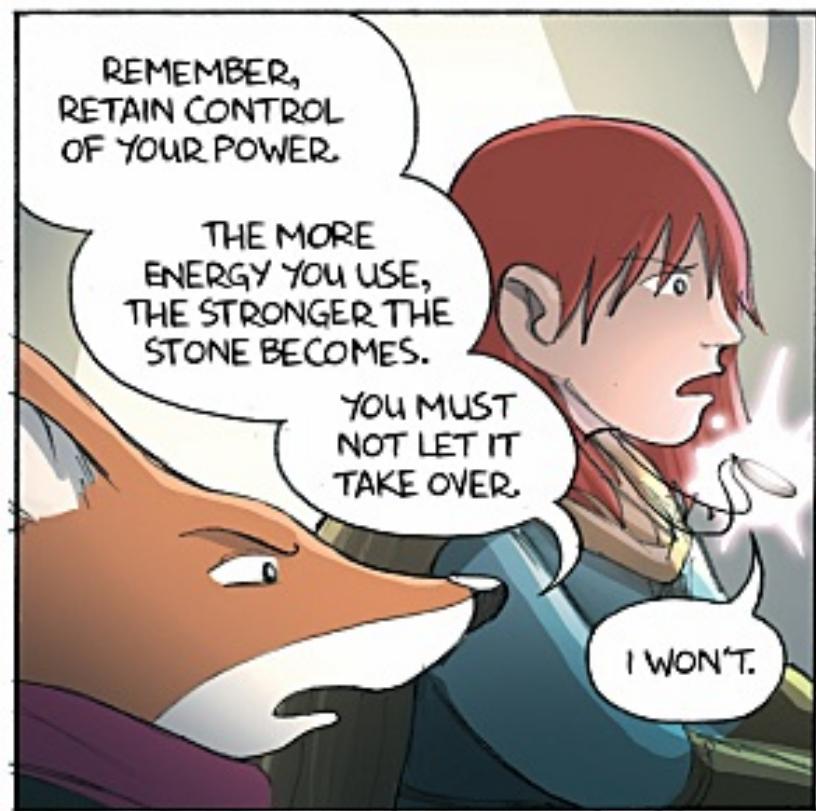
JUST LET  
THE STONE TAKE  
CONTROL.

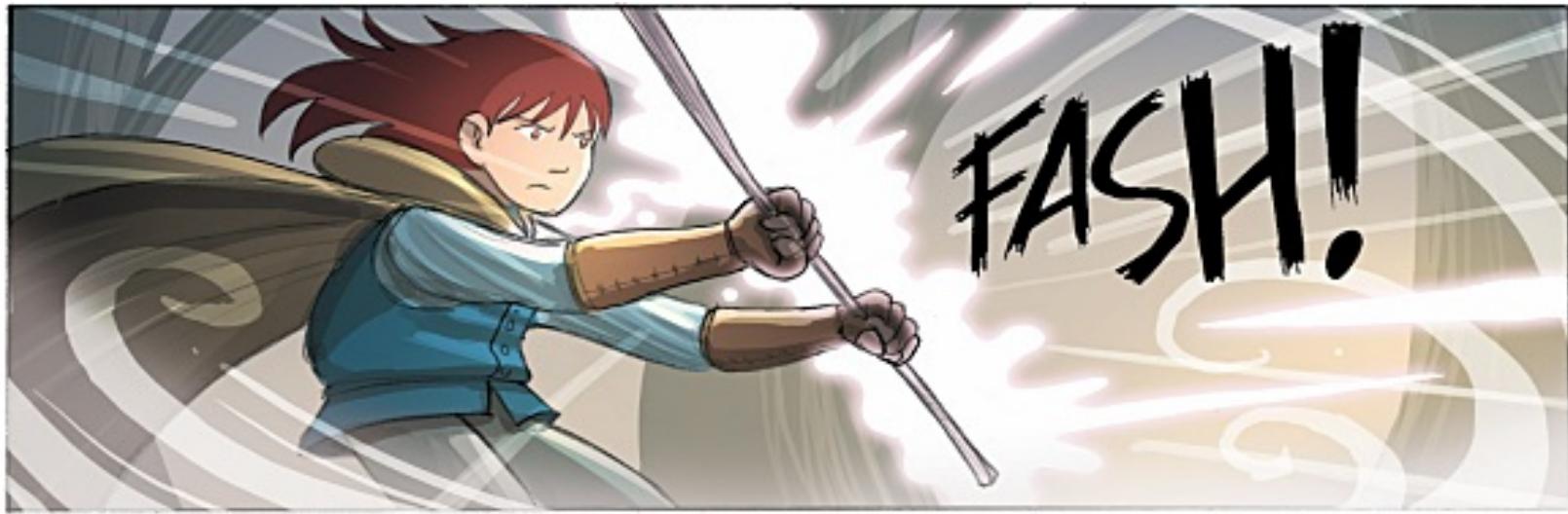


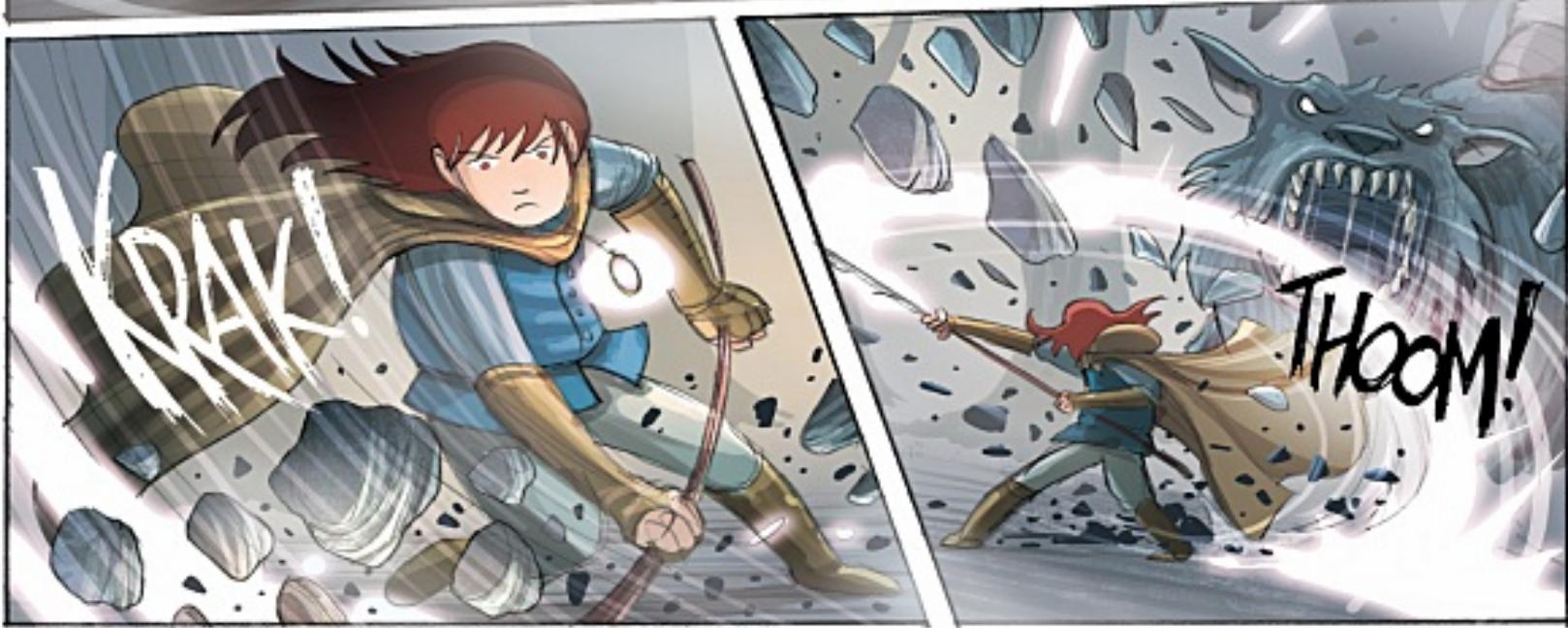












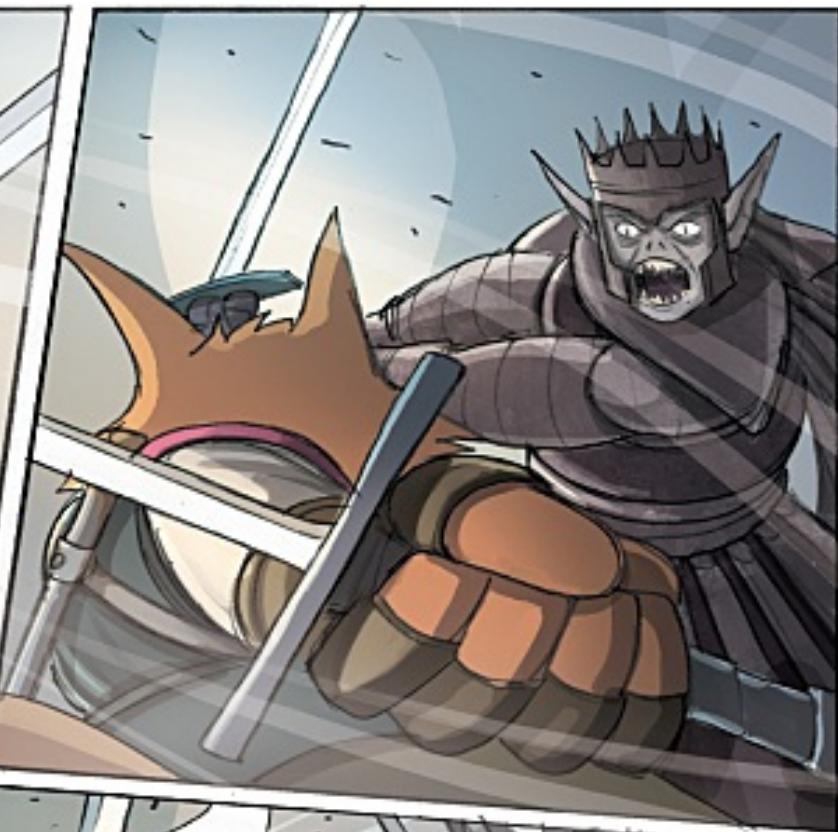


YELP!

THOOM!

PAF!

KTANG!



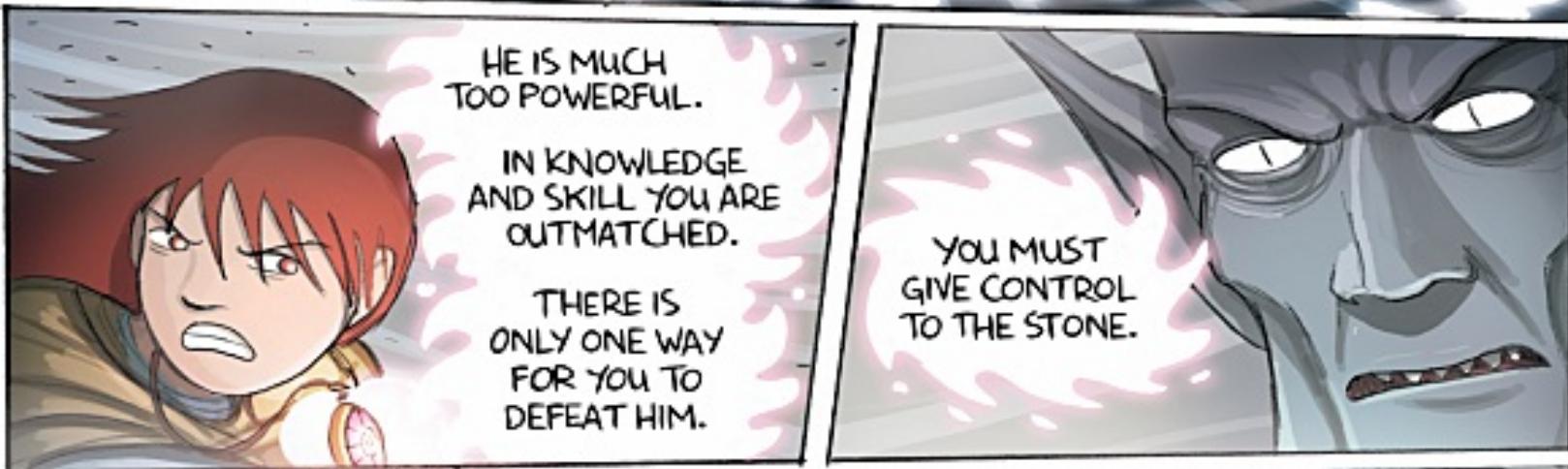
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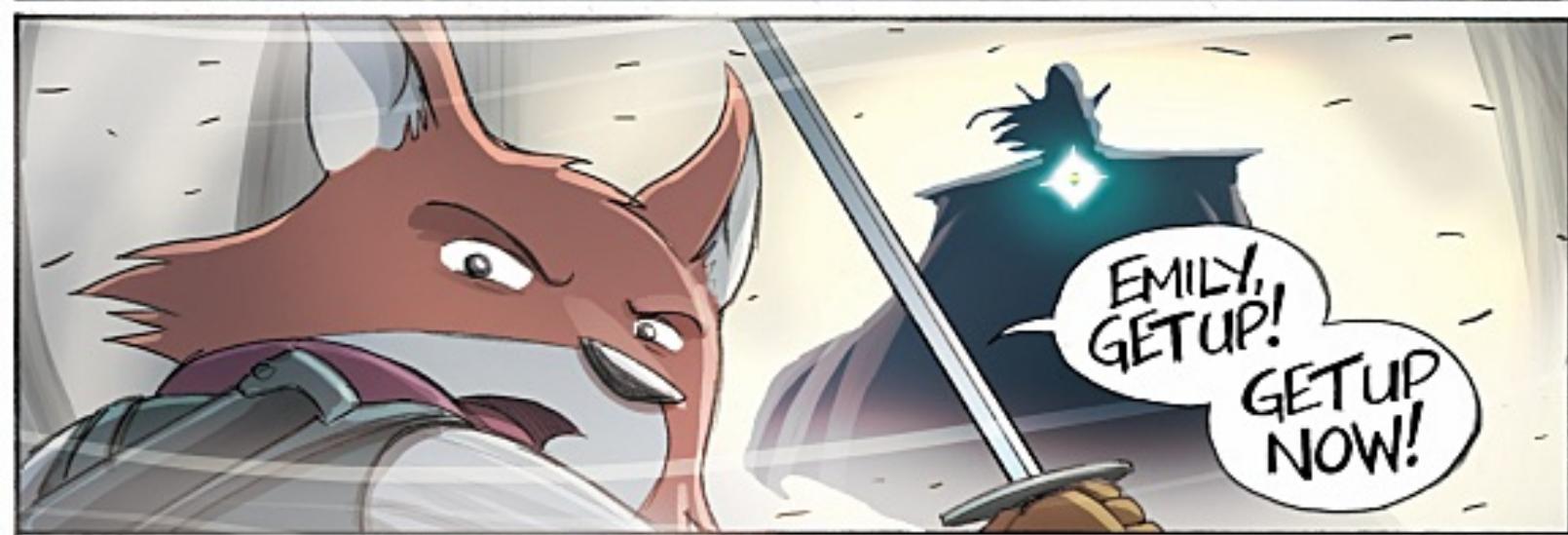
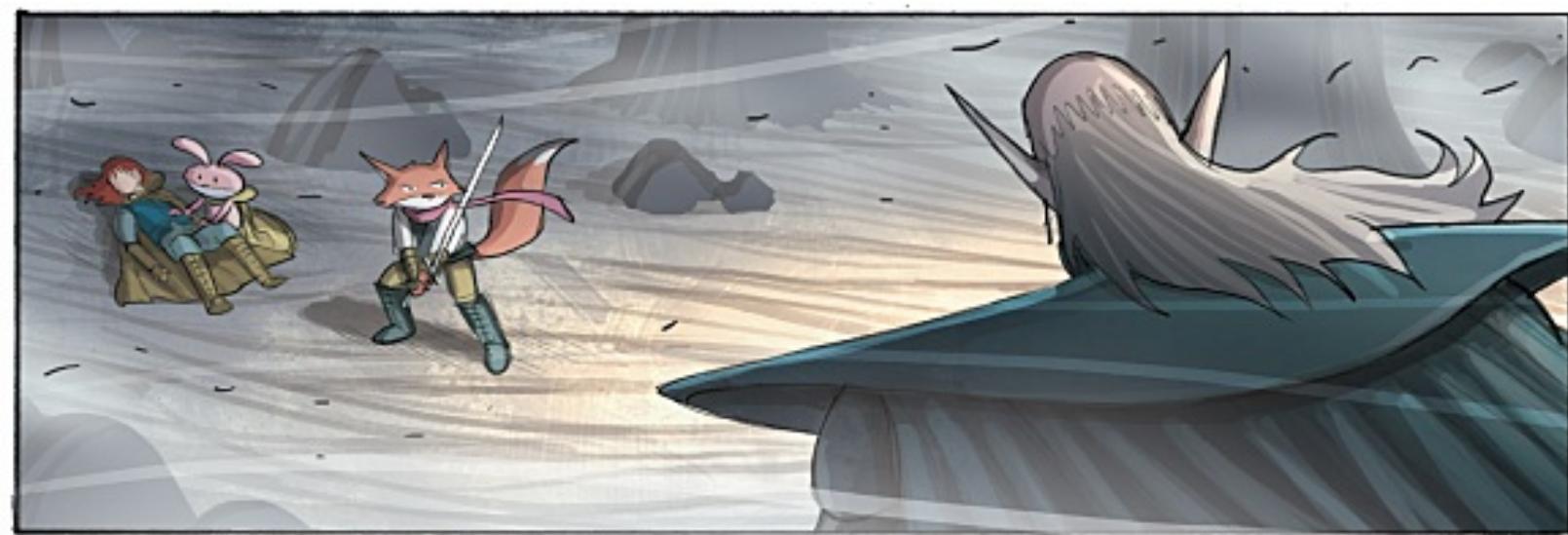
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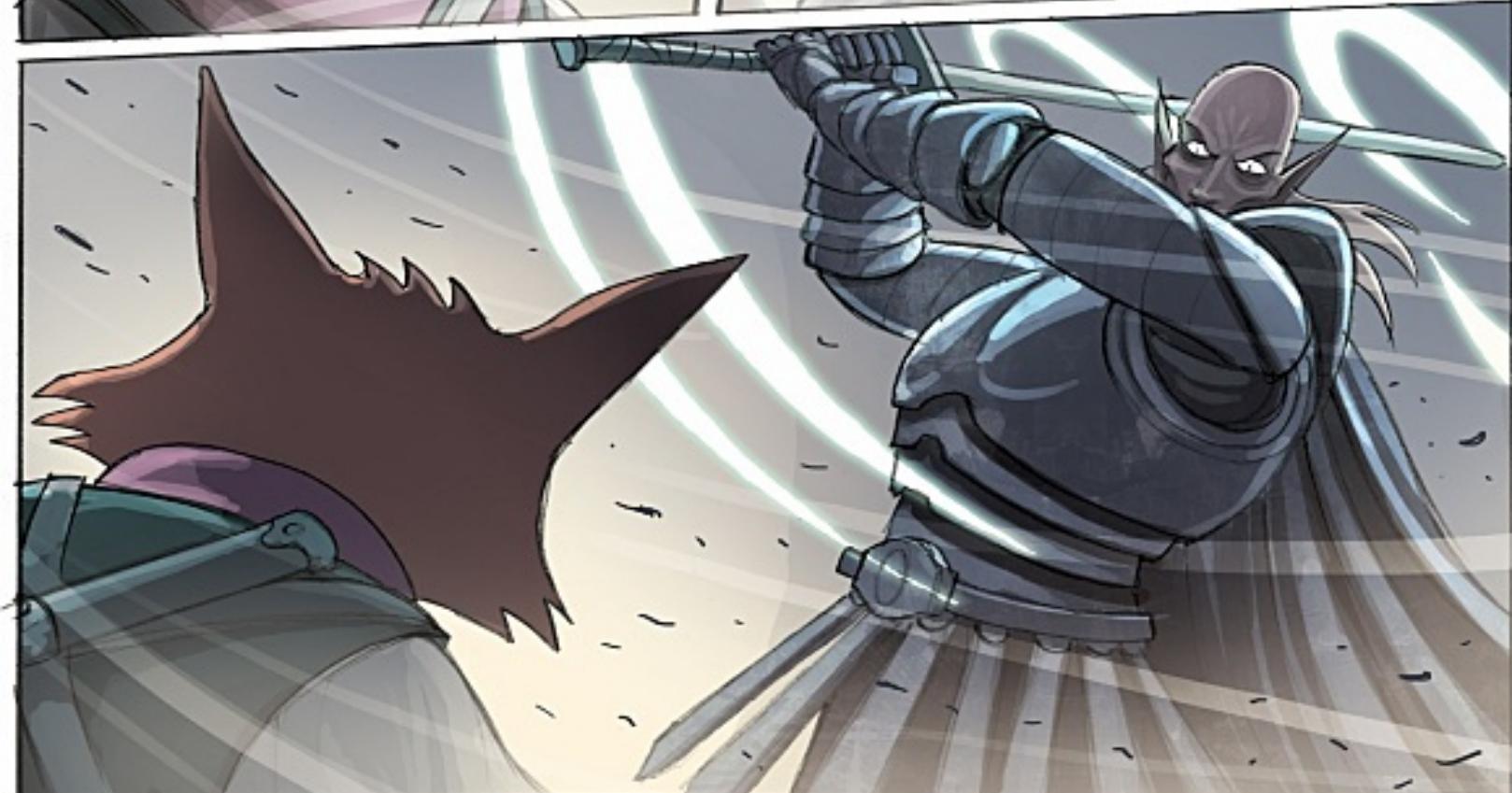


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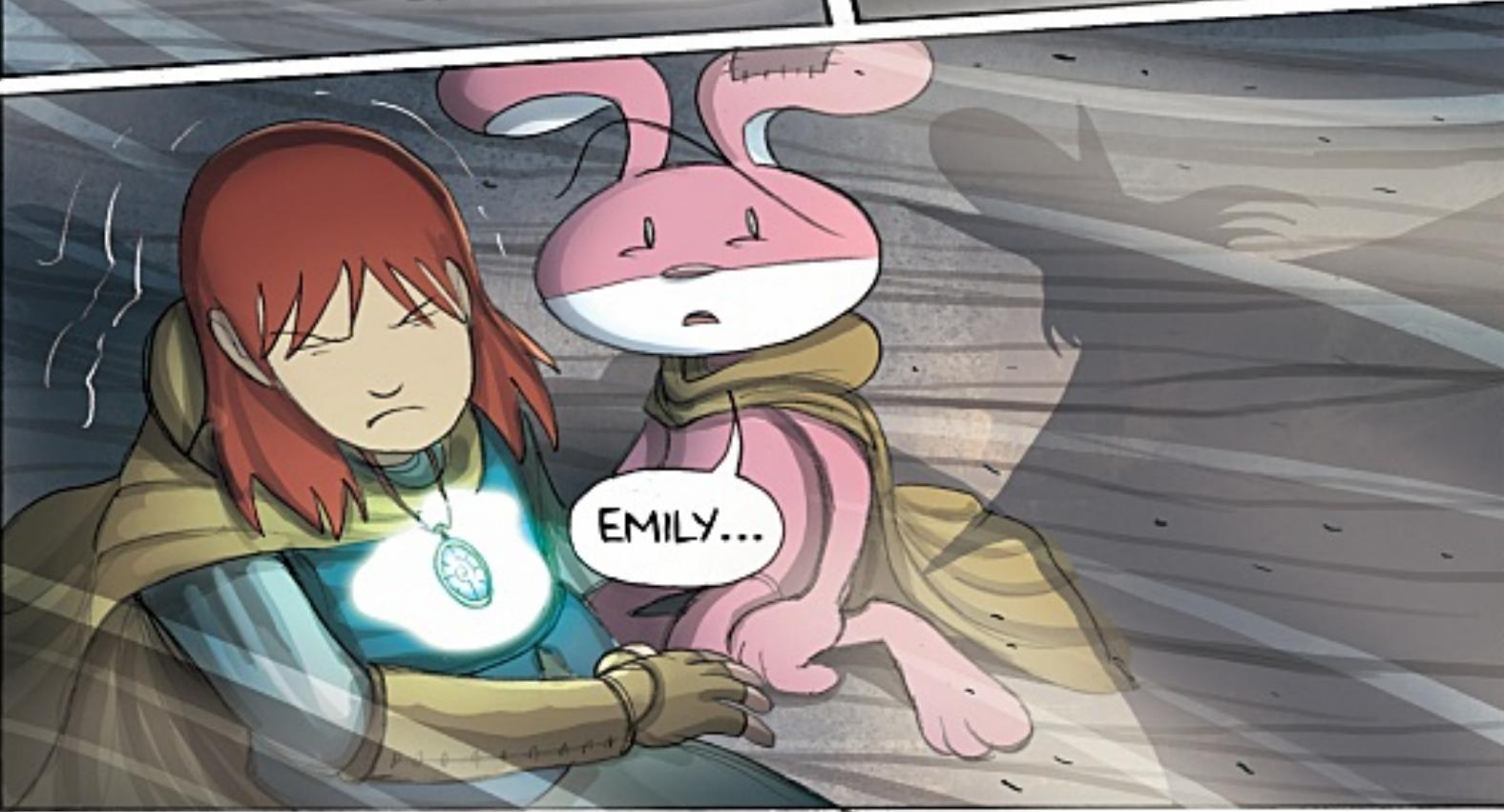






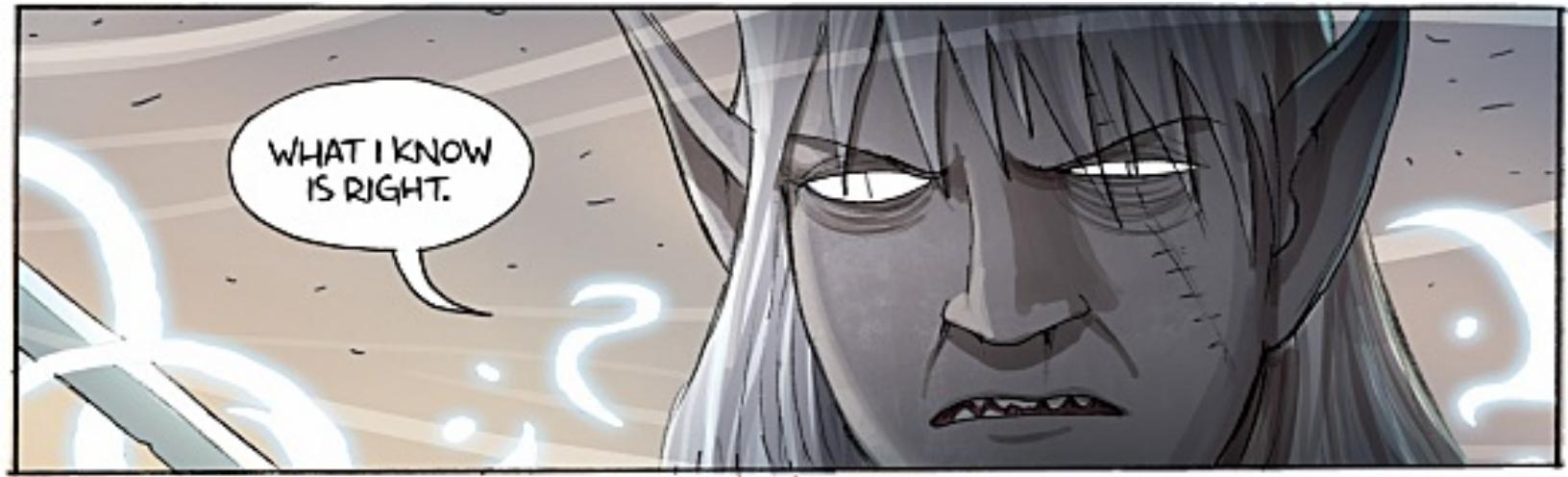


WHAM!









WHAT I KNOW  
IS RIGHT.



ERRRR



RAH!

SHOOM!

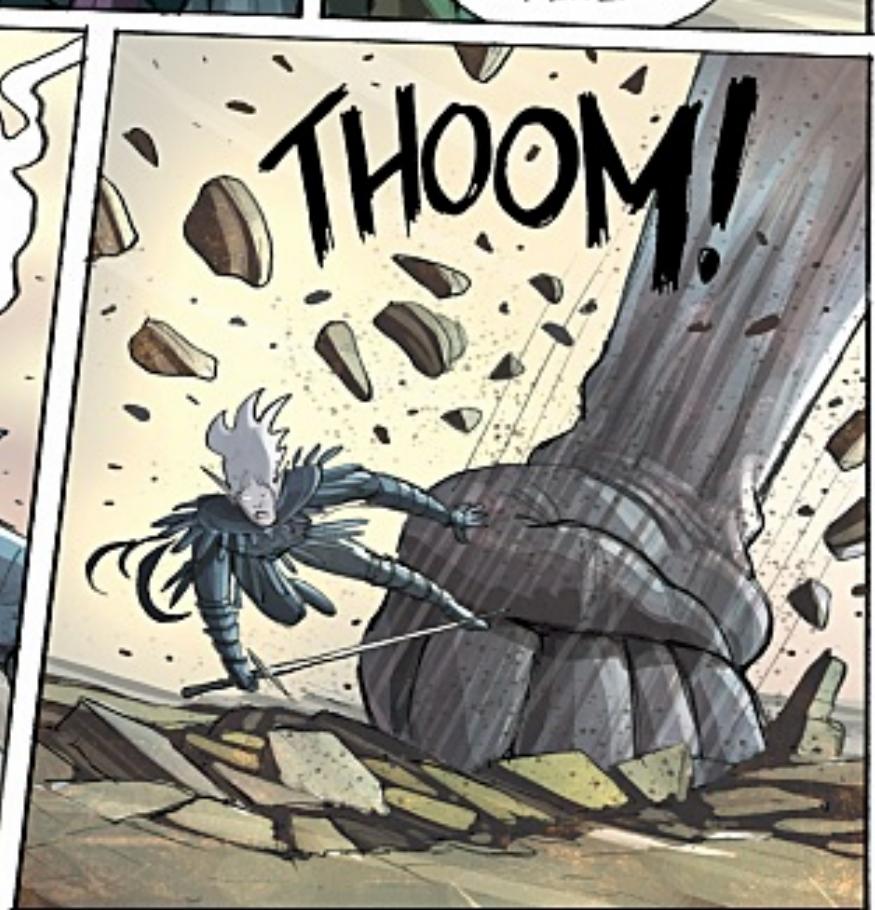


GRAAH!









HUF  
HUF  
HUF



NO--

HUF HUF HUF

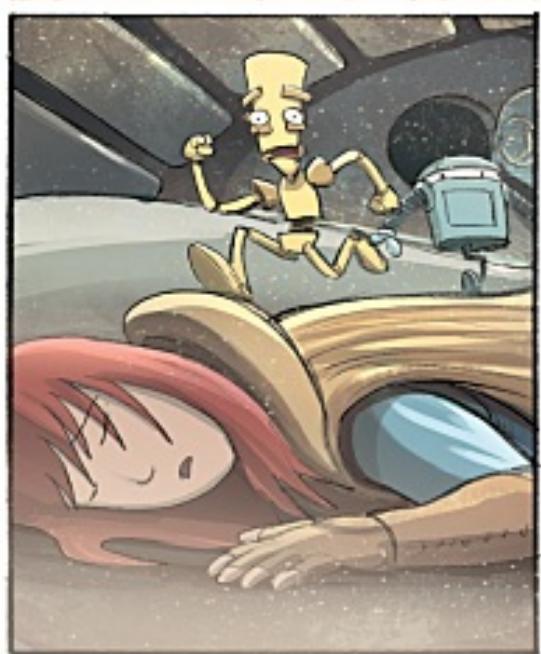
HUF HUF



Koom!

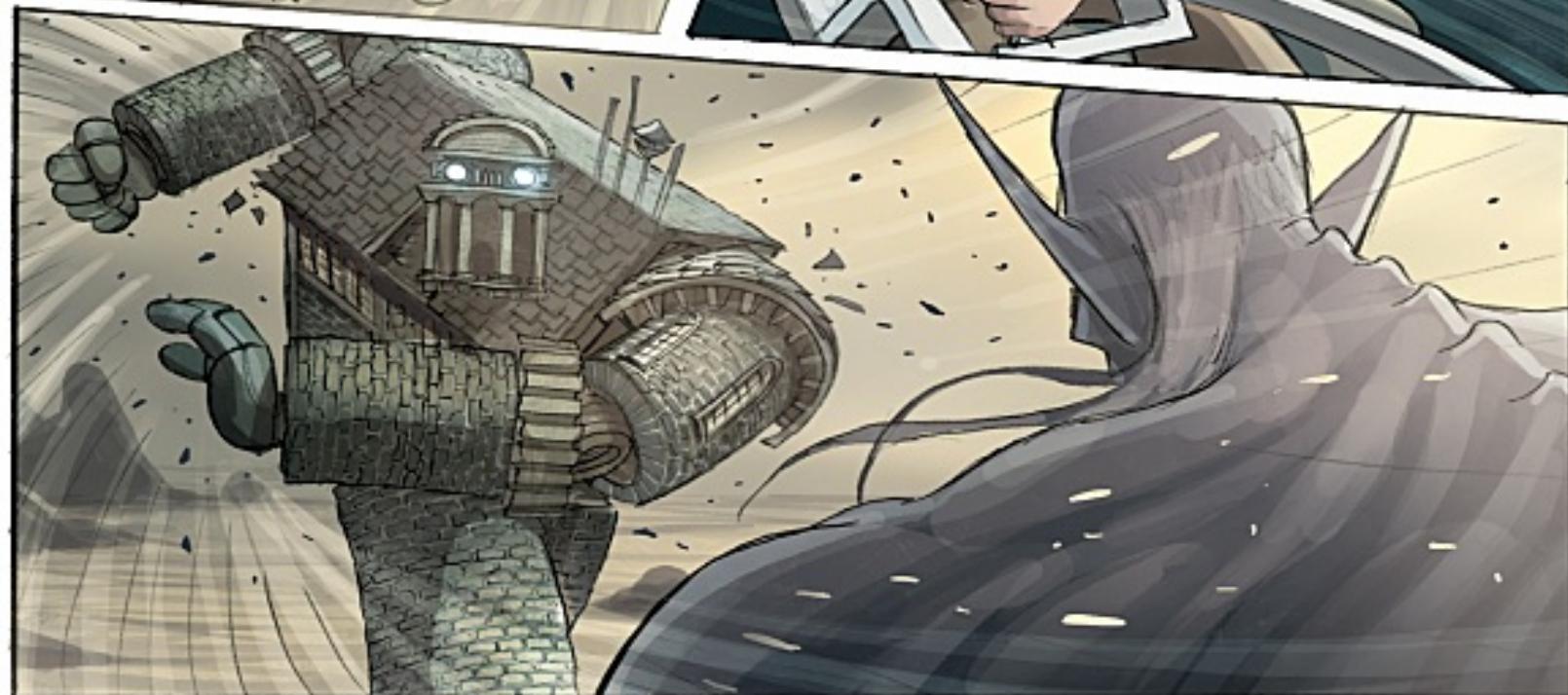
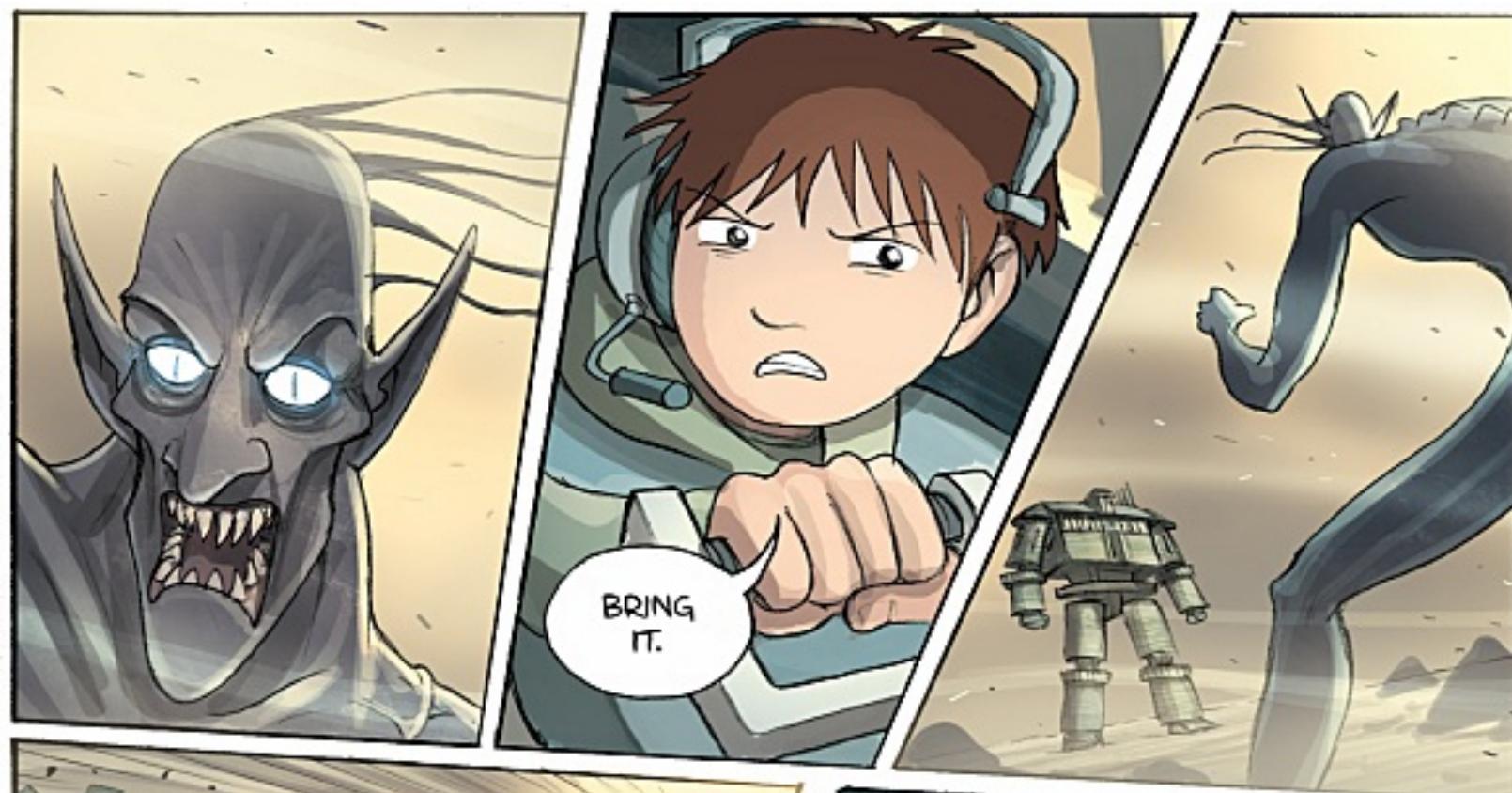


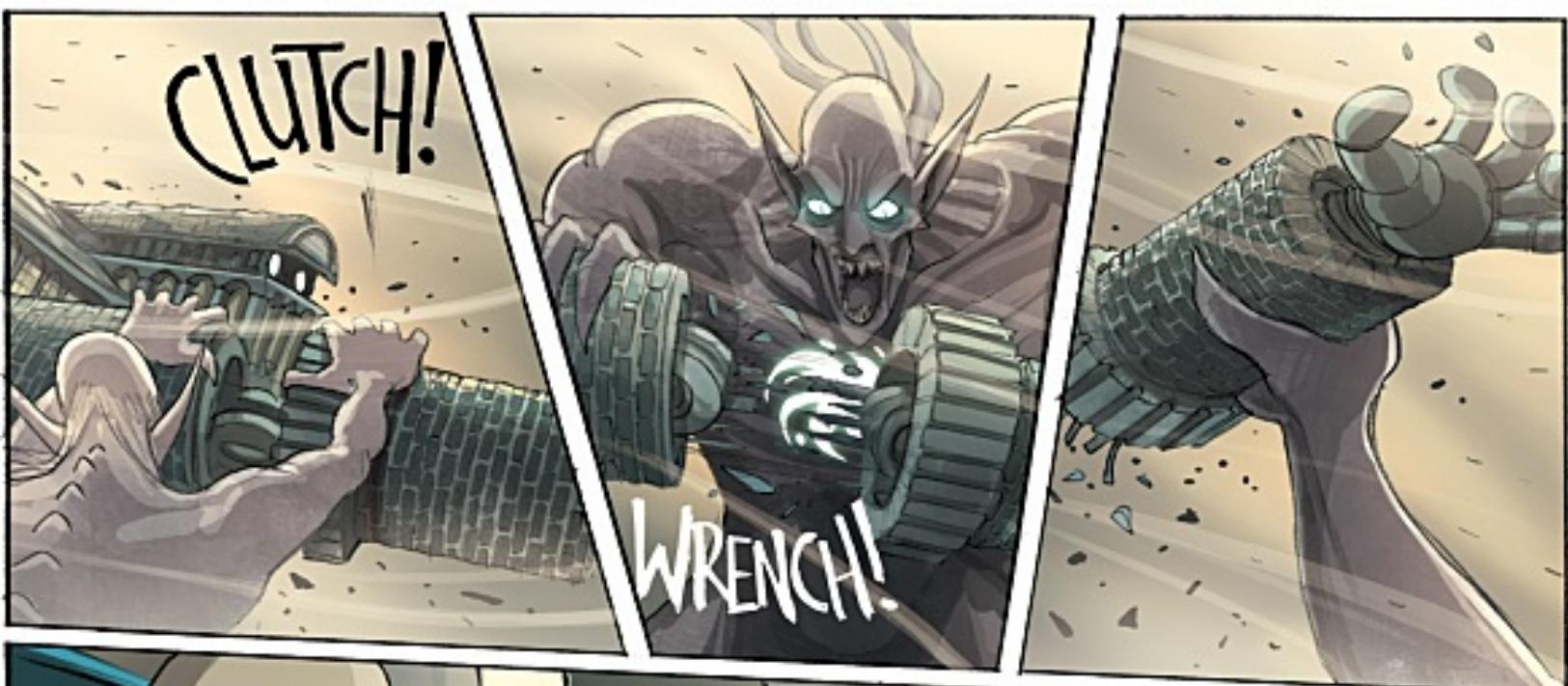
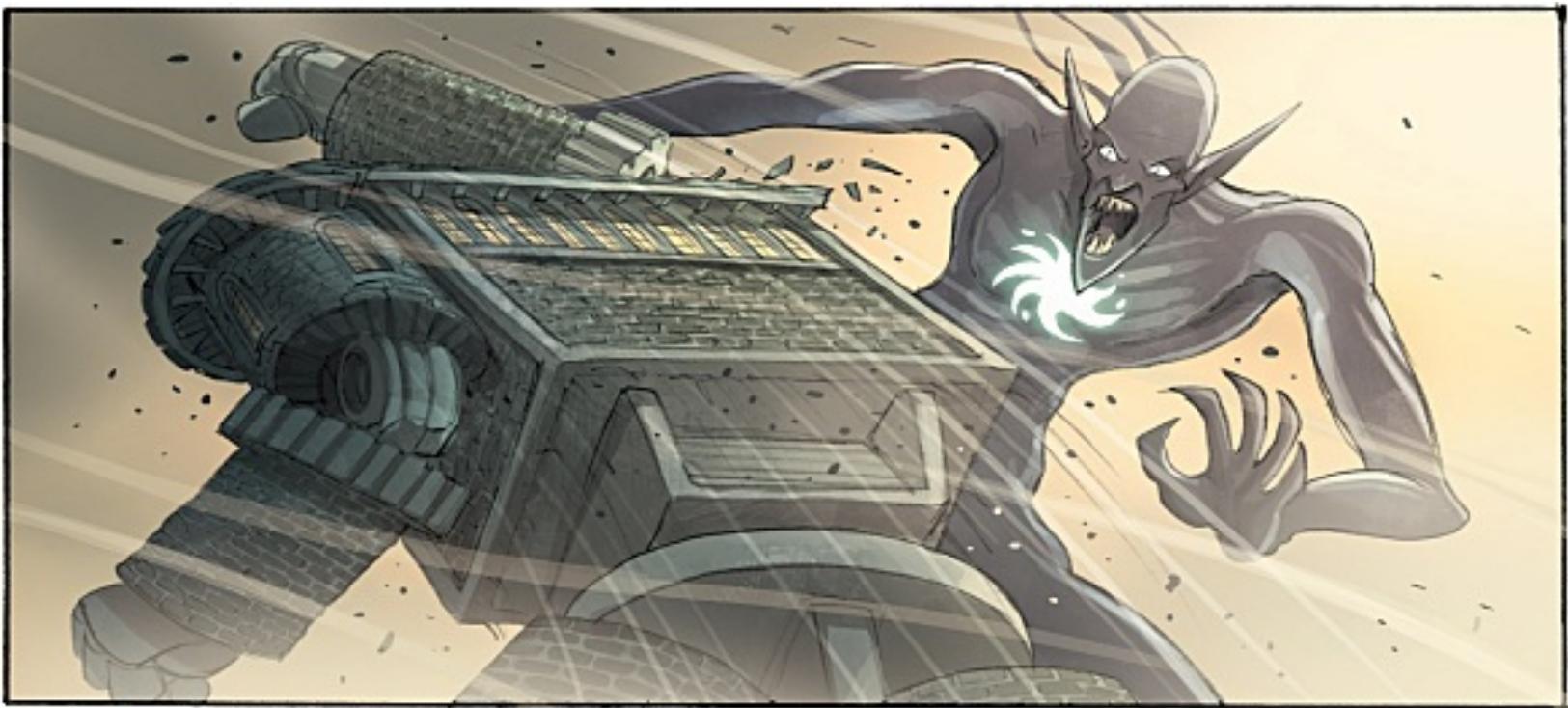




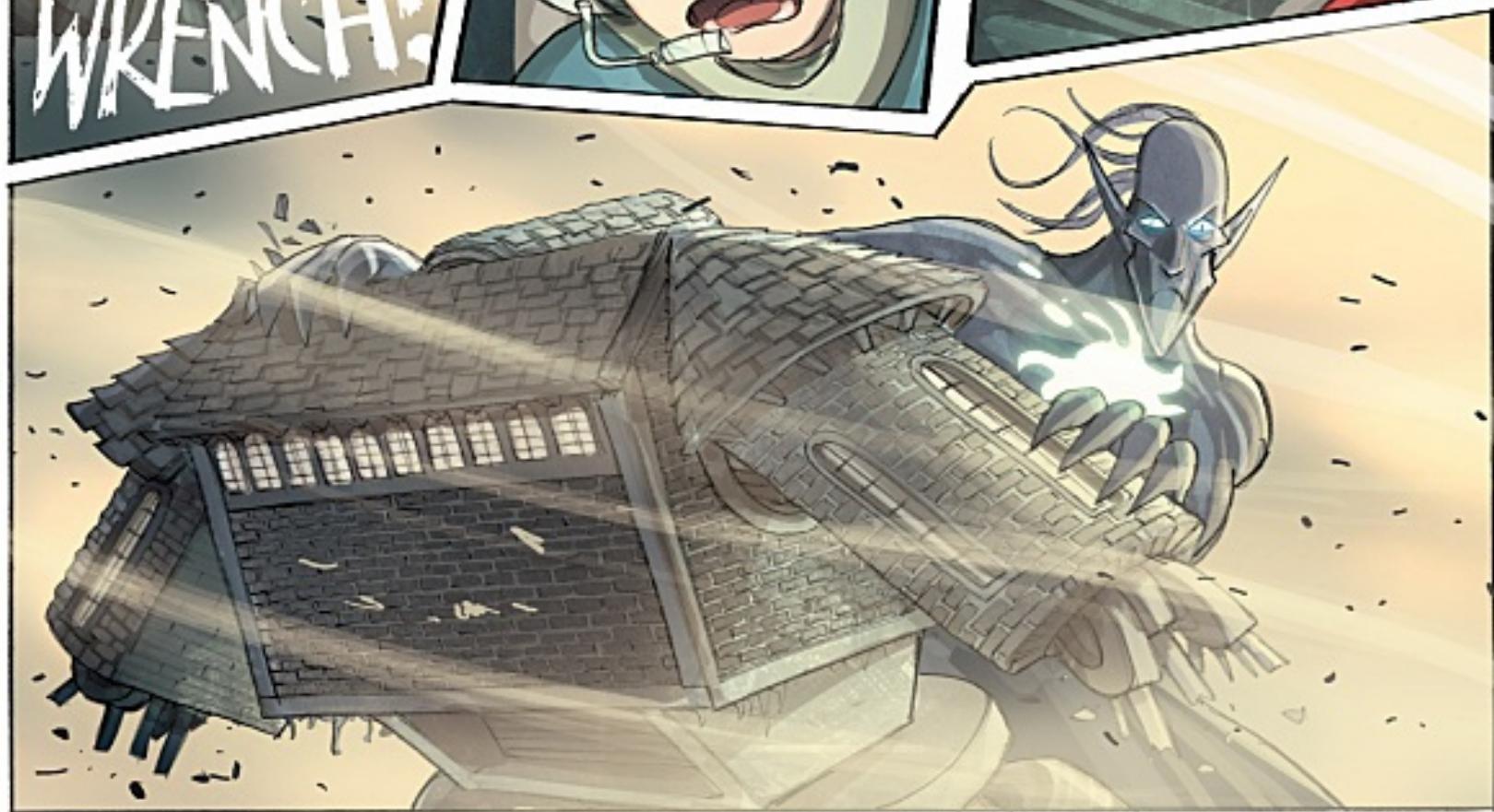


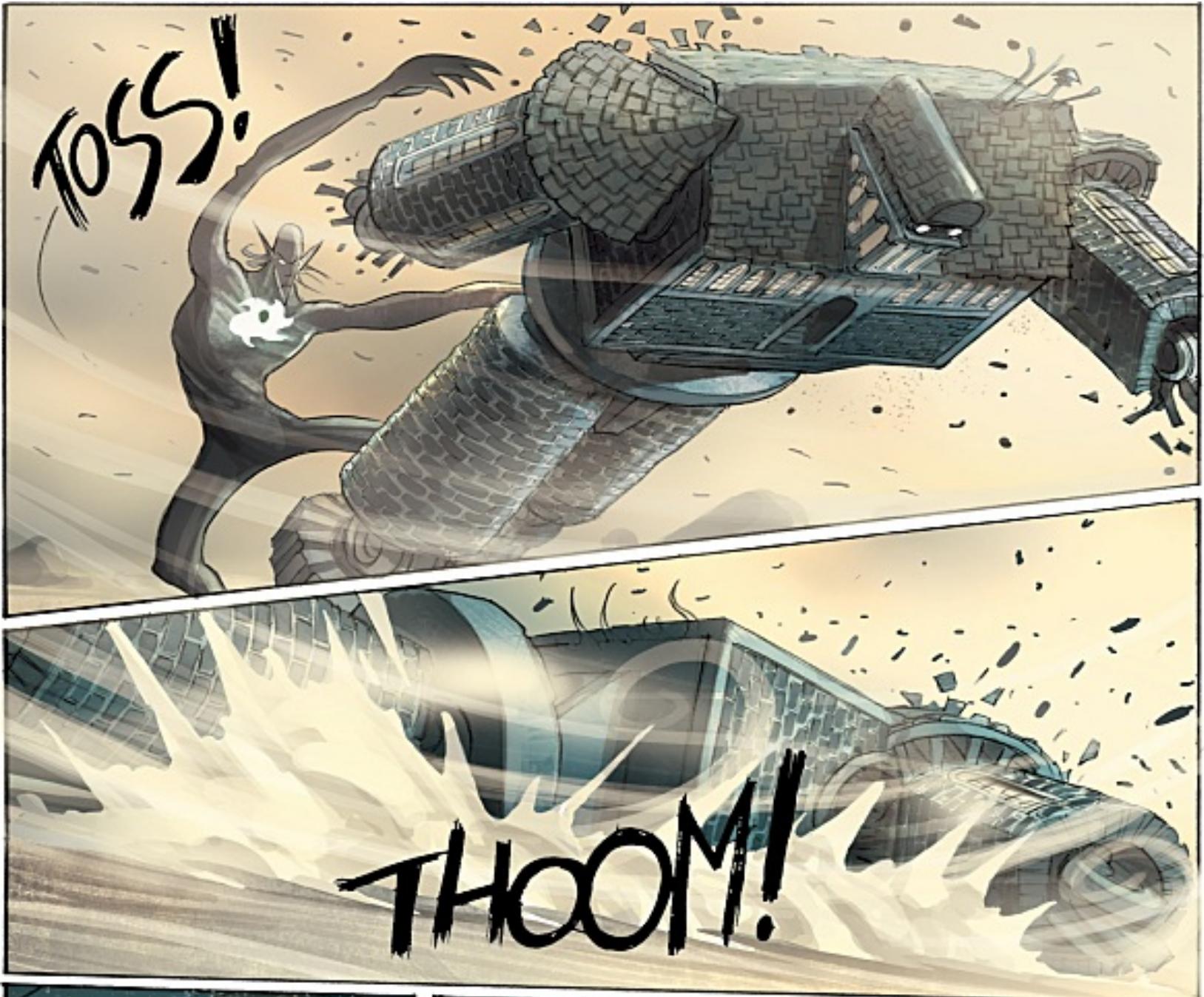














EM!

EM, YOU  
HAVE TO  
GET UP!



THEY SAID  
YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
COULD FIGHT  
THE GIANT!



EM!  
YOU HAVE  
TO GET  
UP!!

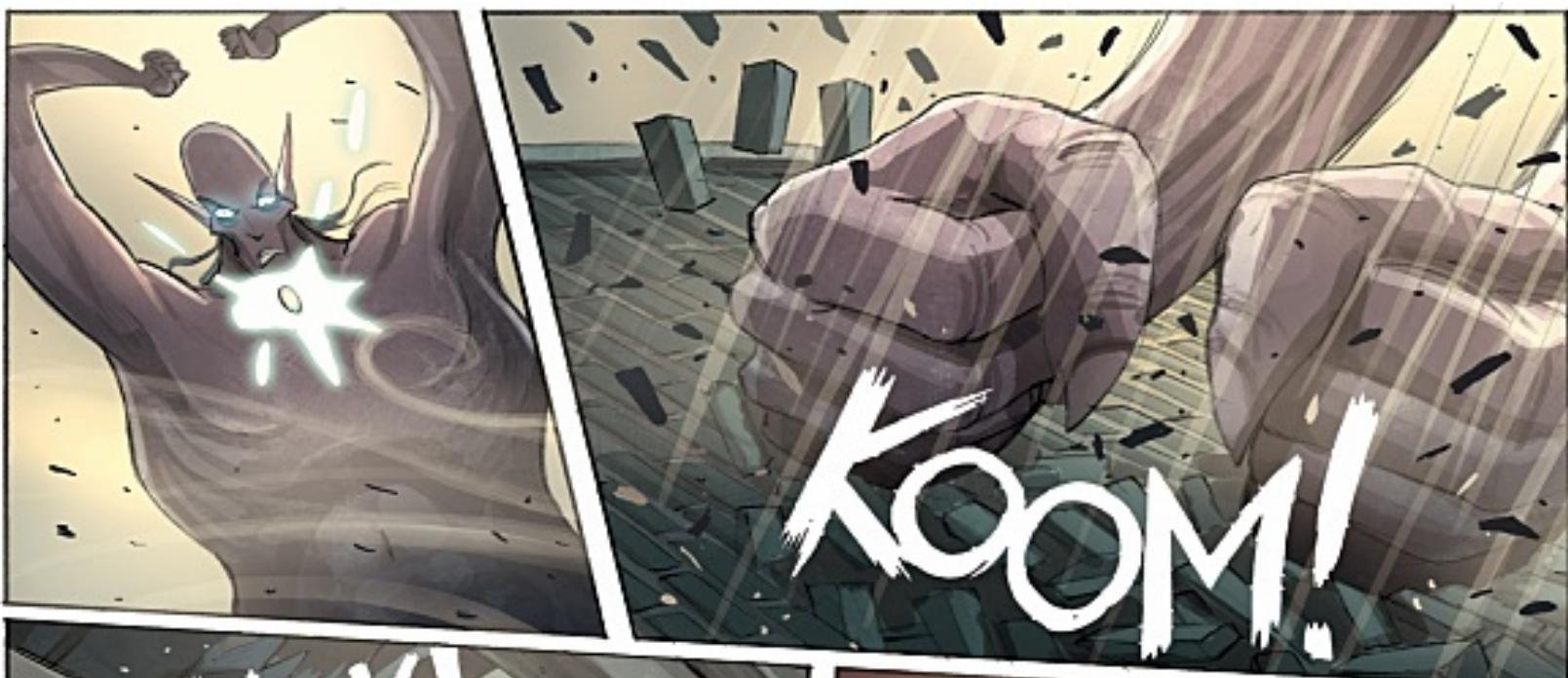


THOOOM

THOOOM







NO.

I CAN DEFEAT  
IT WITHOUT LOSING  
CONTROL.

BUT HOW CAN  
YOU FIGHT SUCH  
A MONSTER WITHOUT  
BECOMING ONE  
YOURSELF?

BY NOT  
FIGHTING  
ALONE.

EM!

NAVIN...

GET BACK IN  
THE DRIVER'S  
SEAT.

I'M GOING  
TO NEED YOUR  
HELP.

BUT...  
THE HOUSE IS  
DESTROYED.

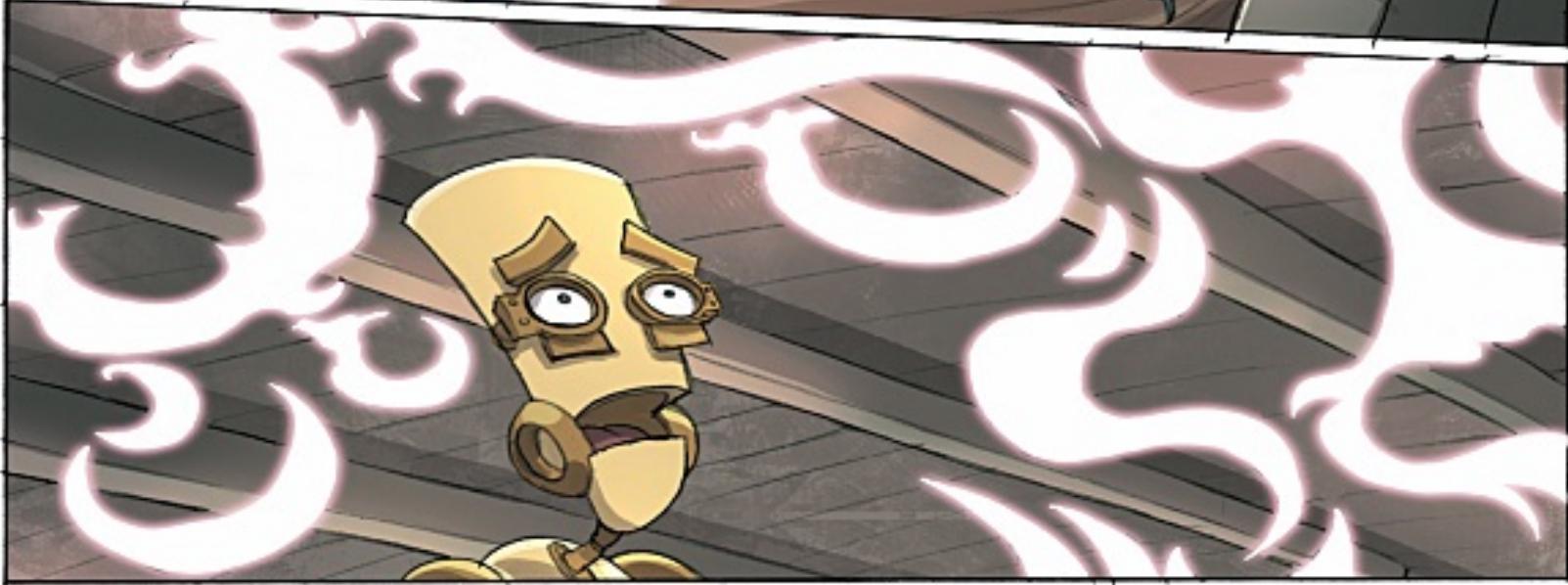
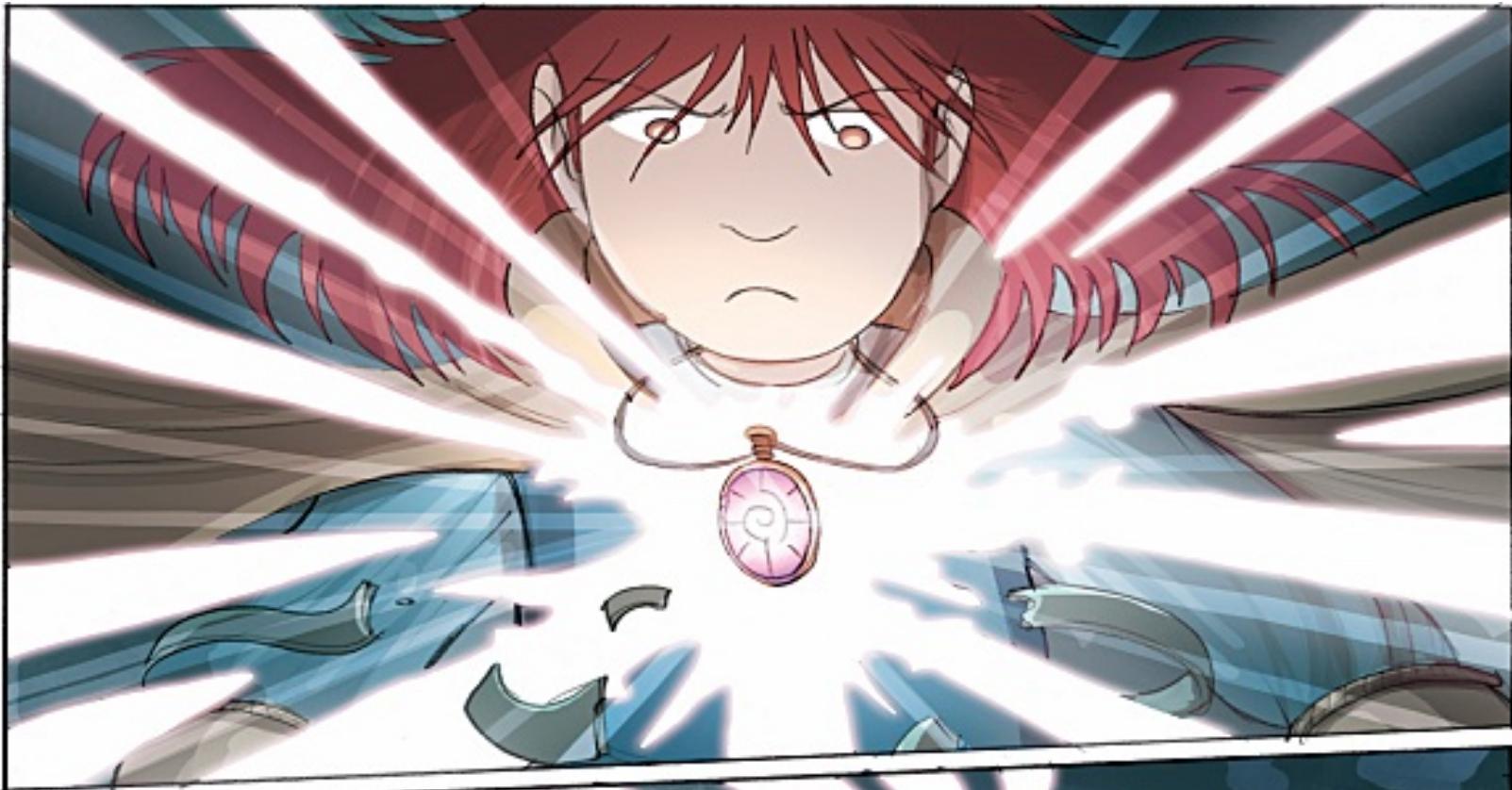
WHAT  
DO YOU  
INTEND  
TO DO?

IT'S LIKE  
YOU SAID,  
LEON.

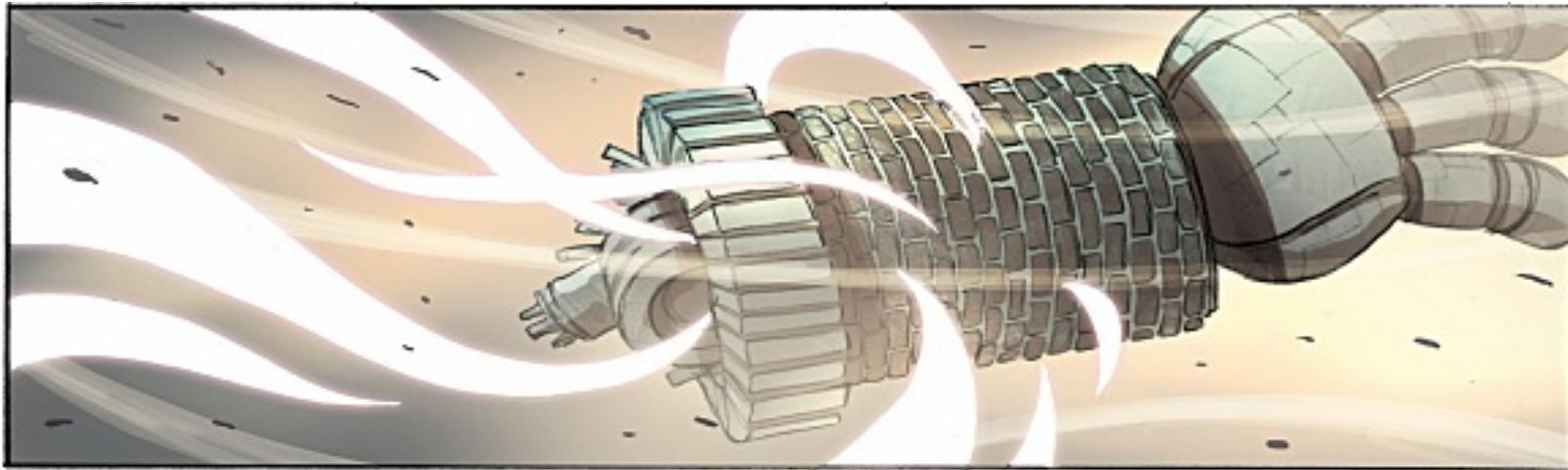
EVERYTHING  
HAS A LIFE  
FORCE.

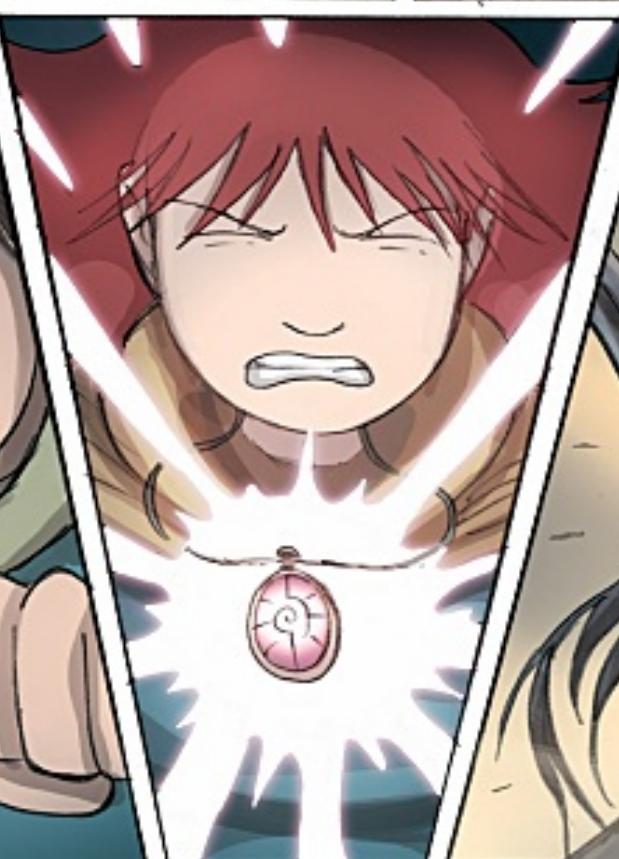
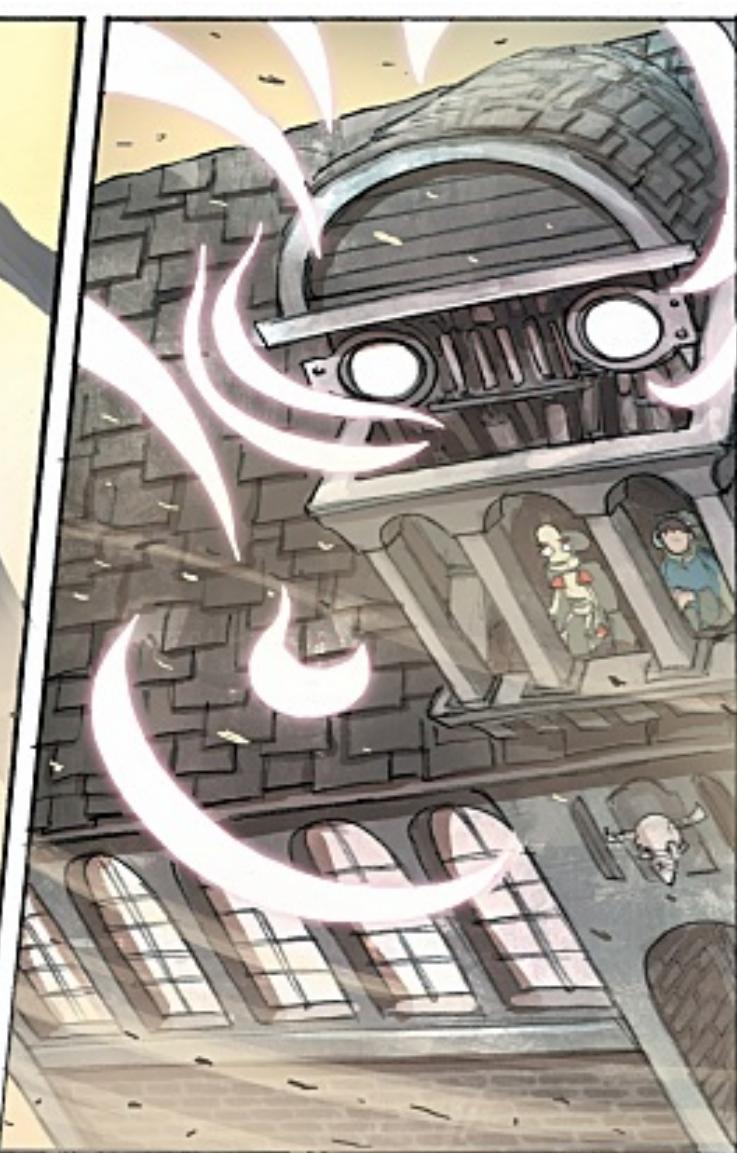
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
NOW?

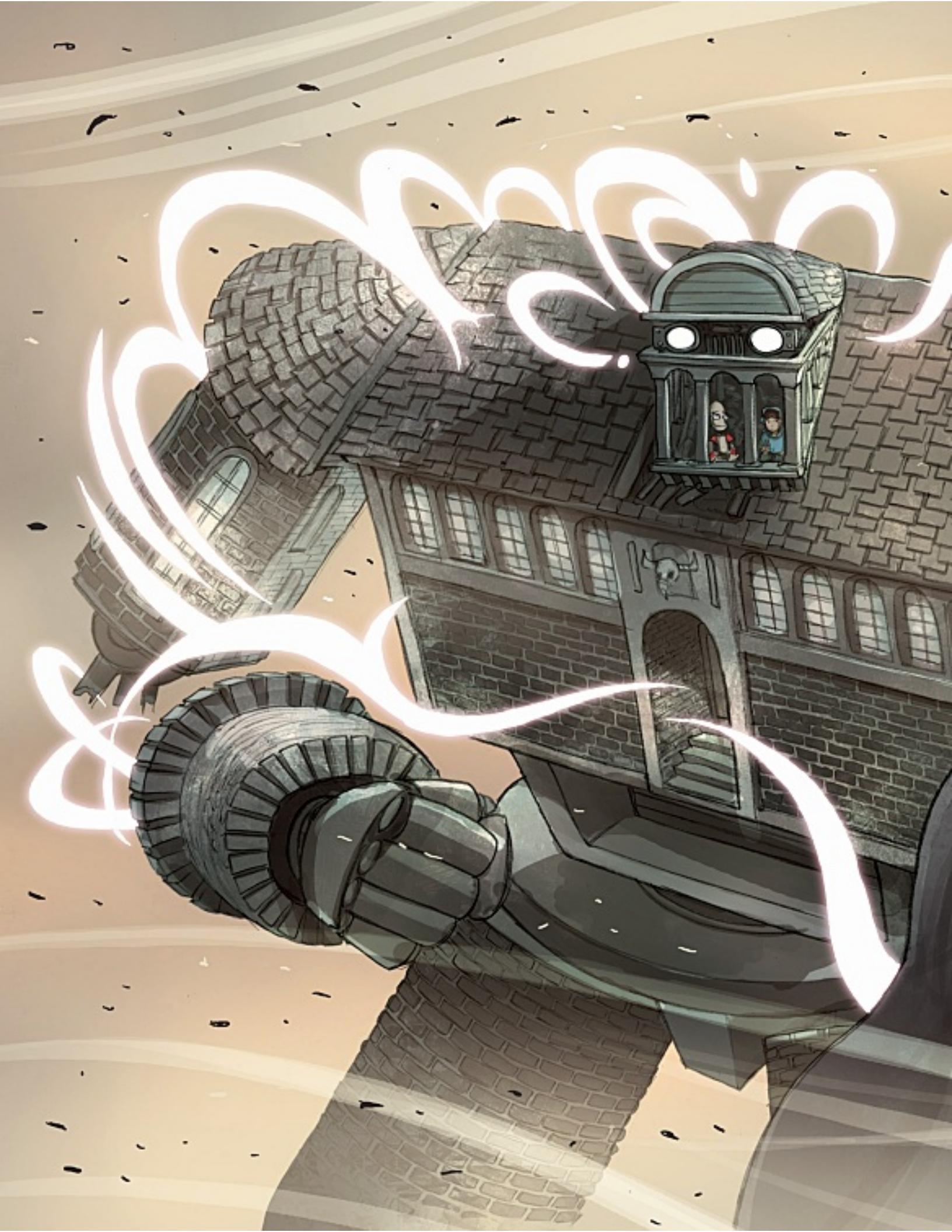
I DON'T  
KNOW,  
BUT STAY  
IN THAT  
SEAT.

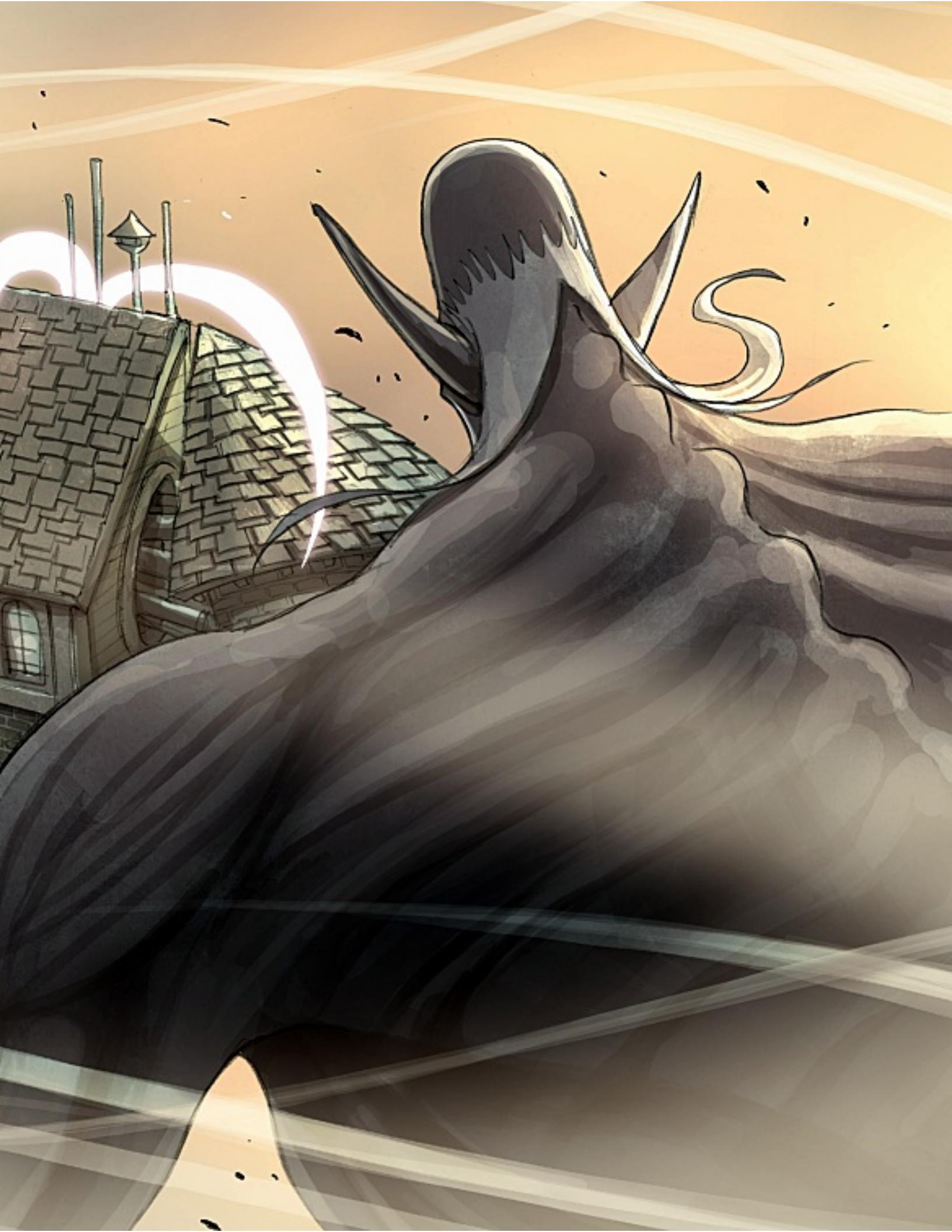


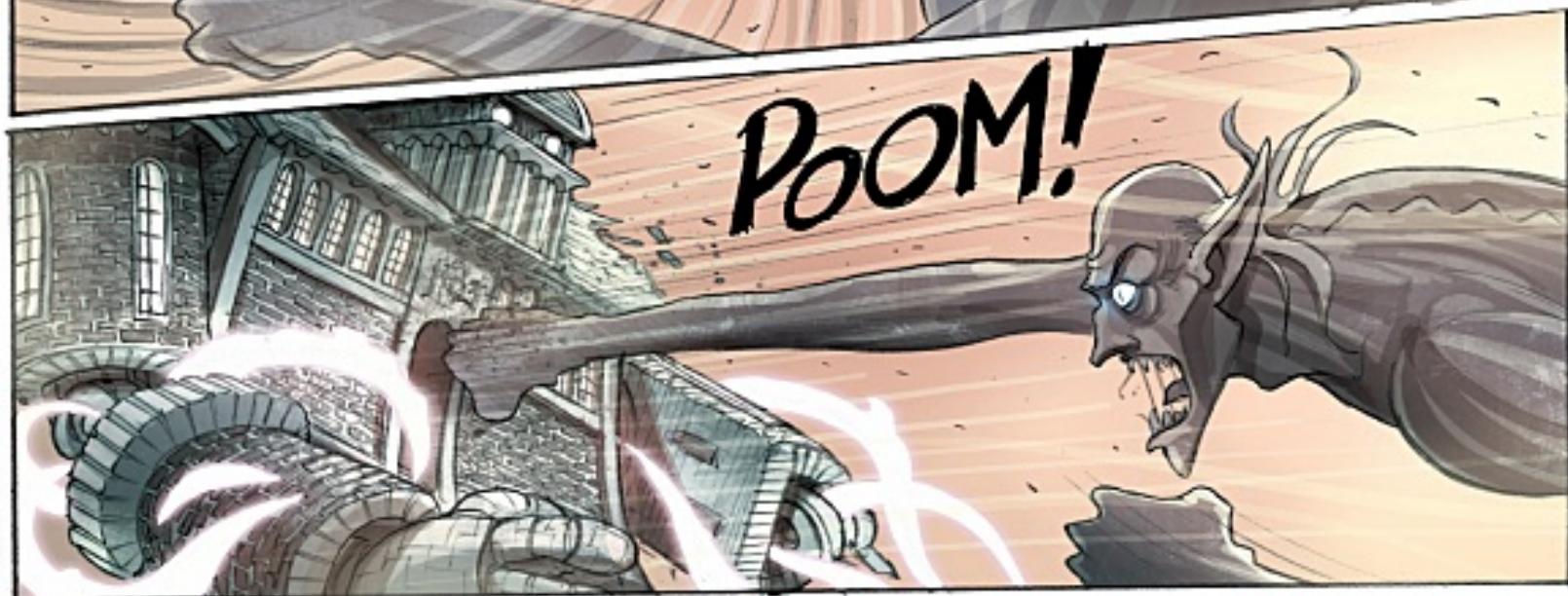


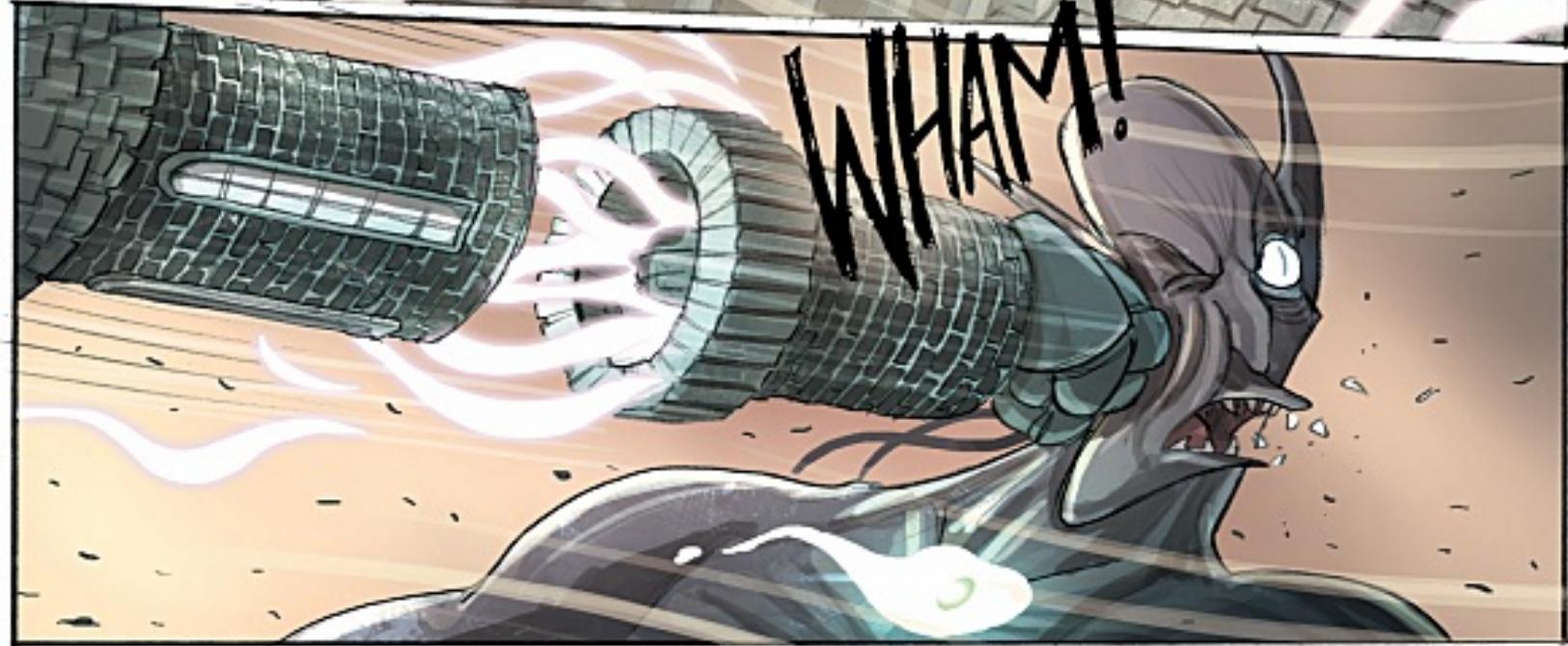


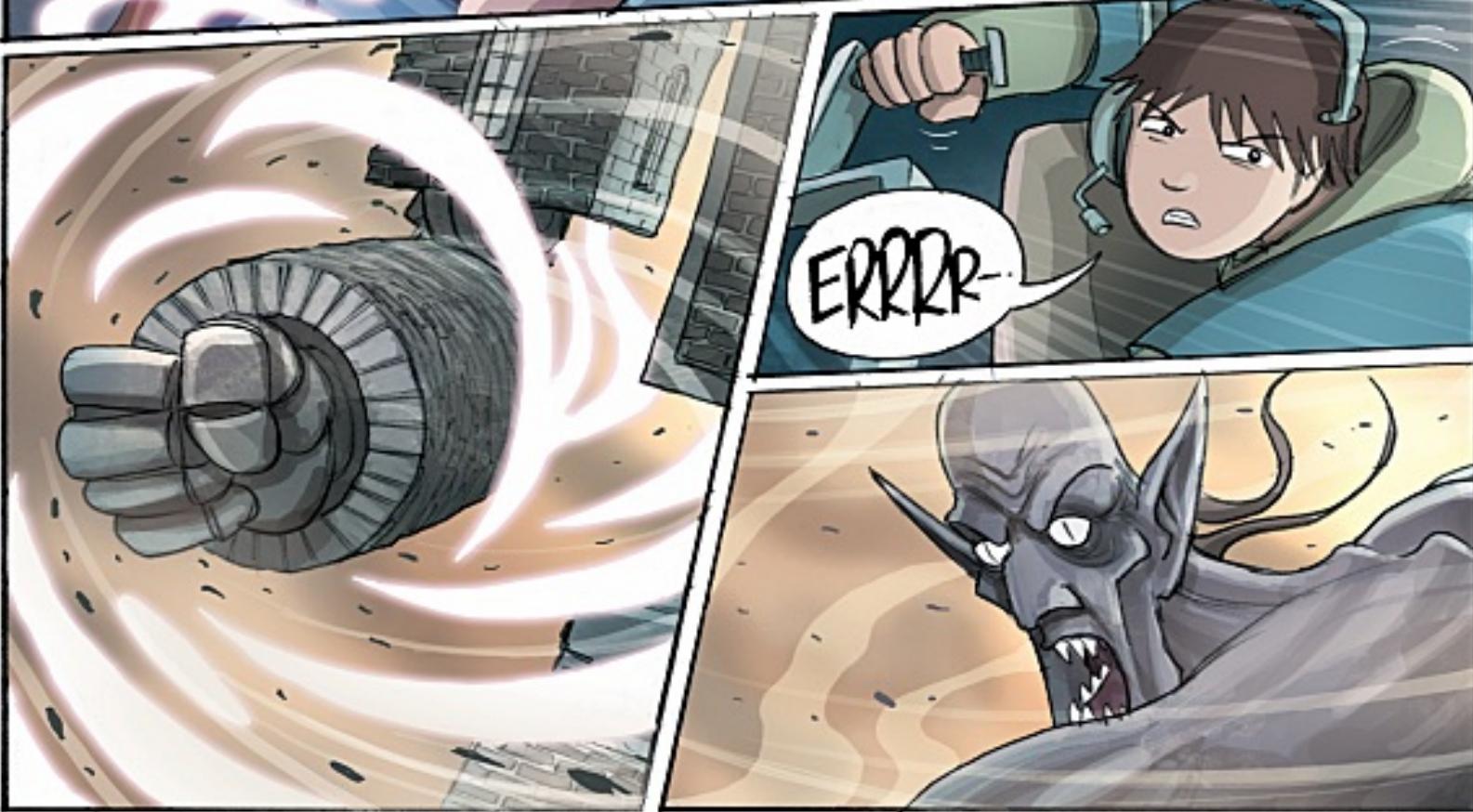
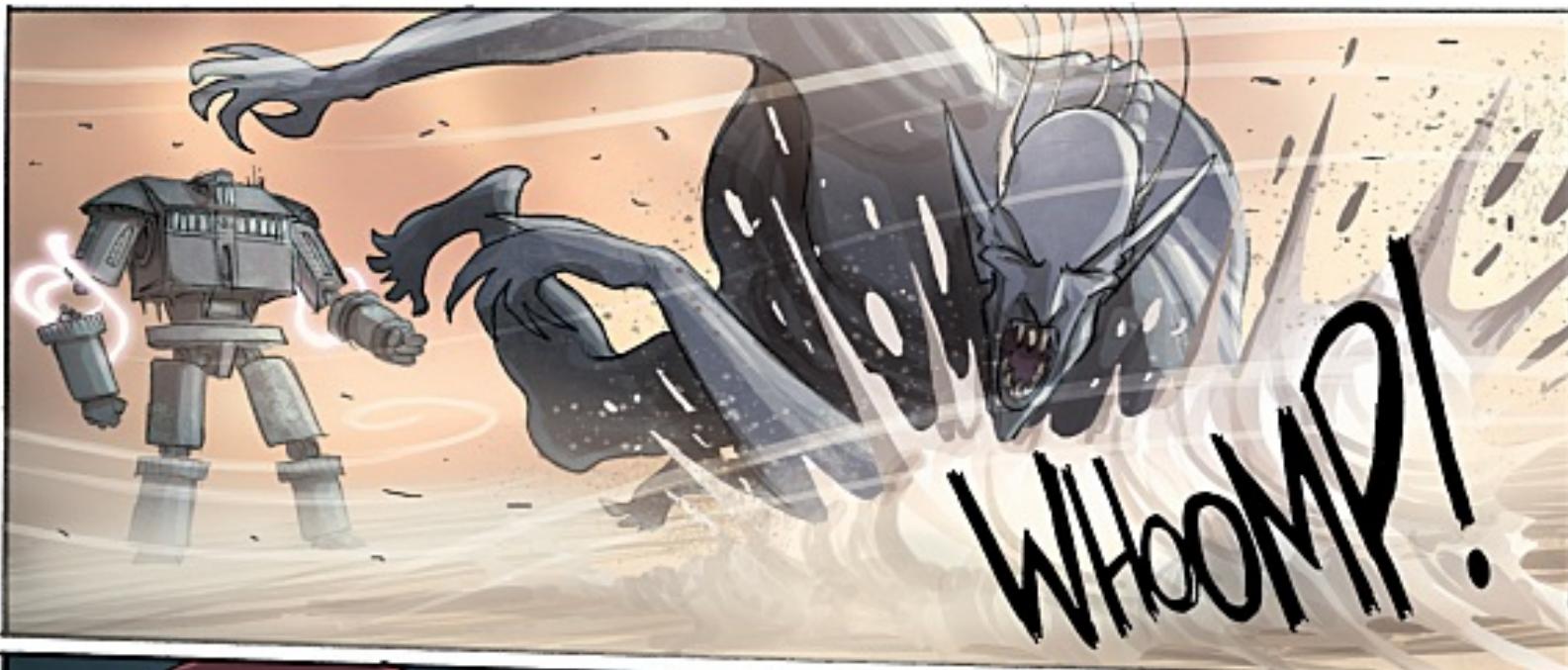


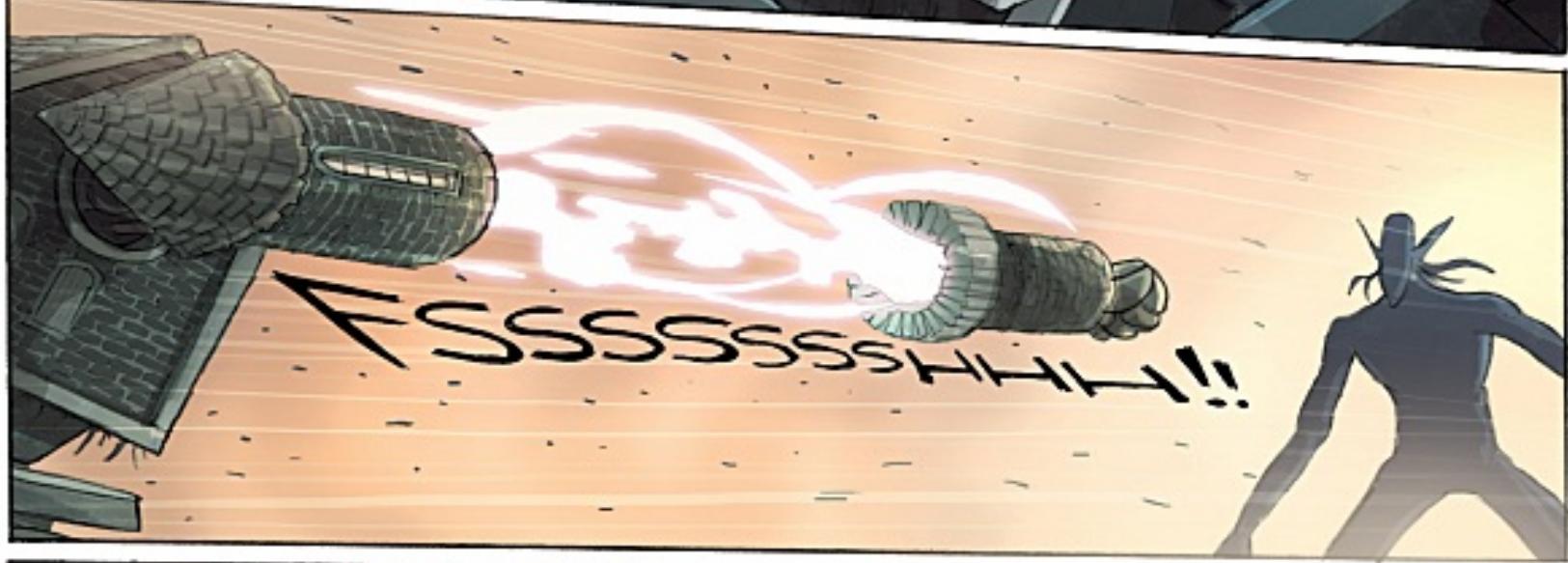


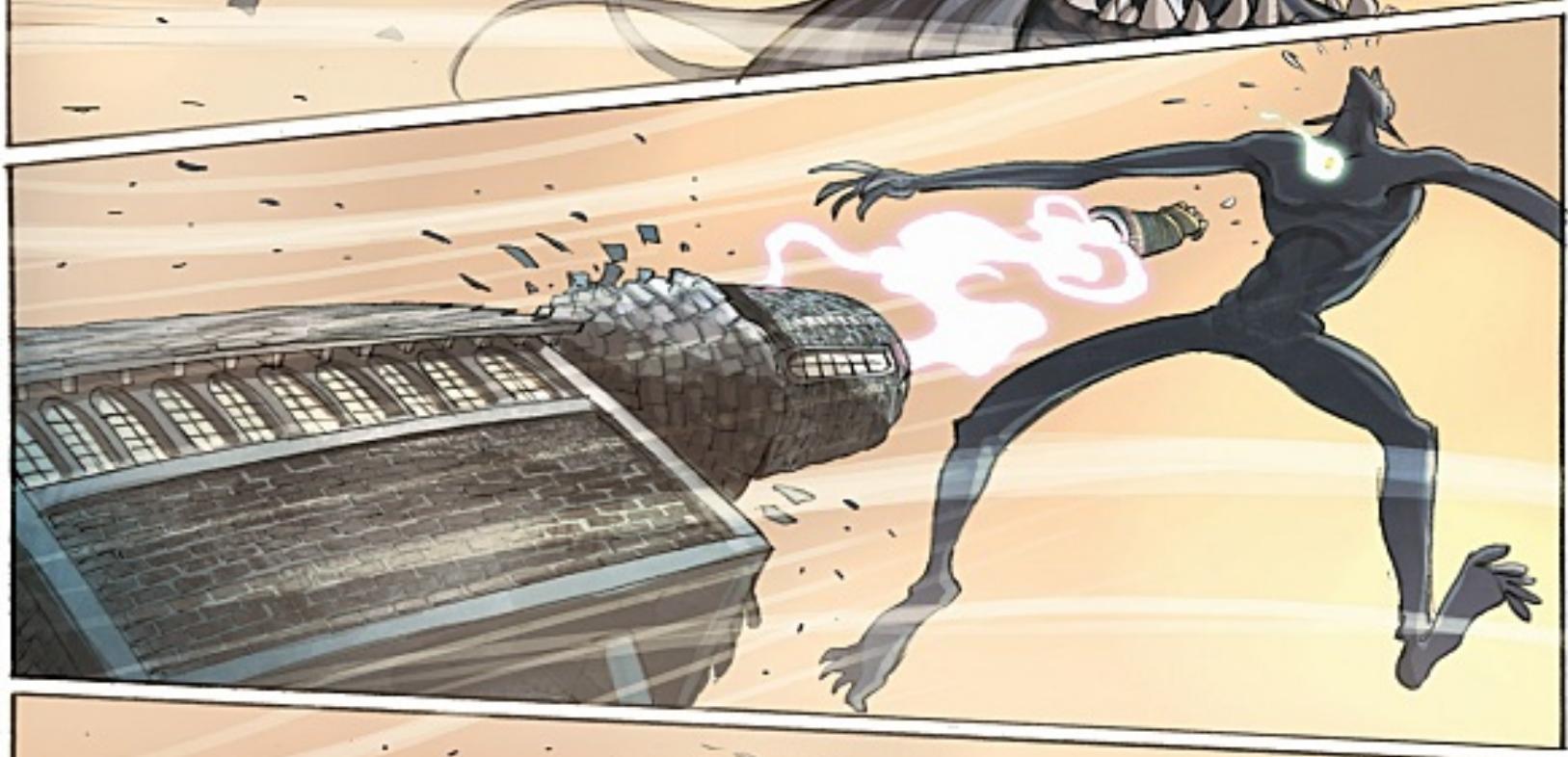
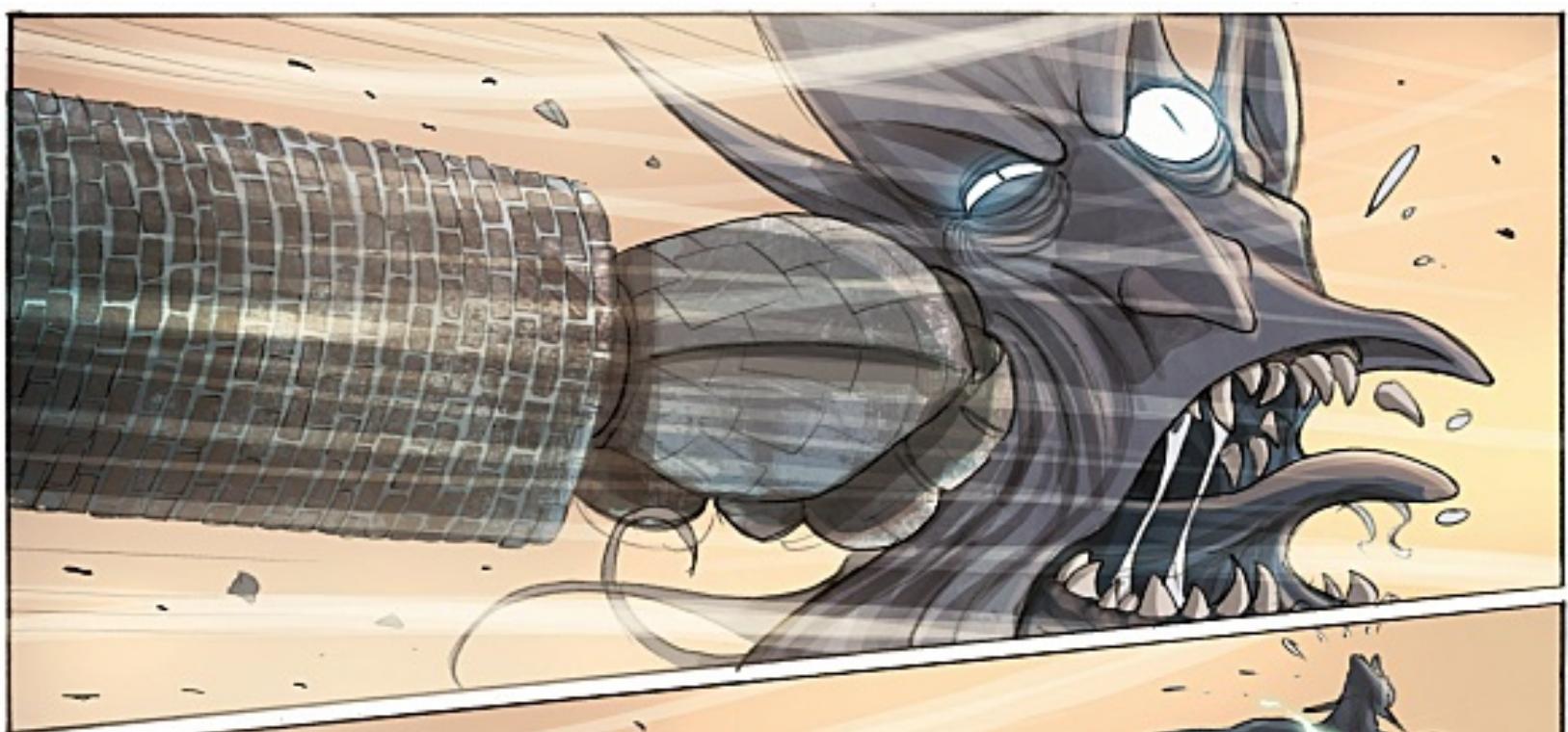




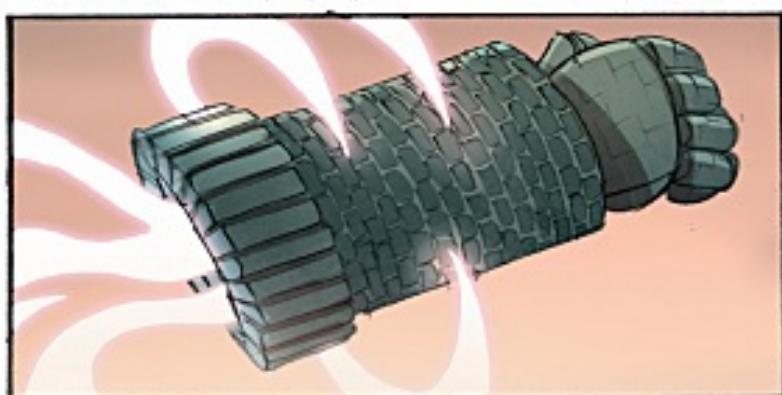
















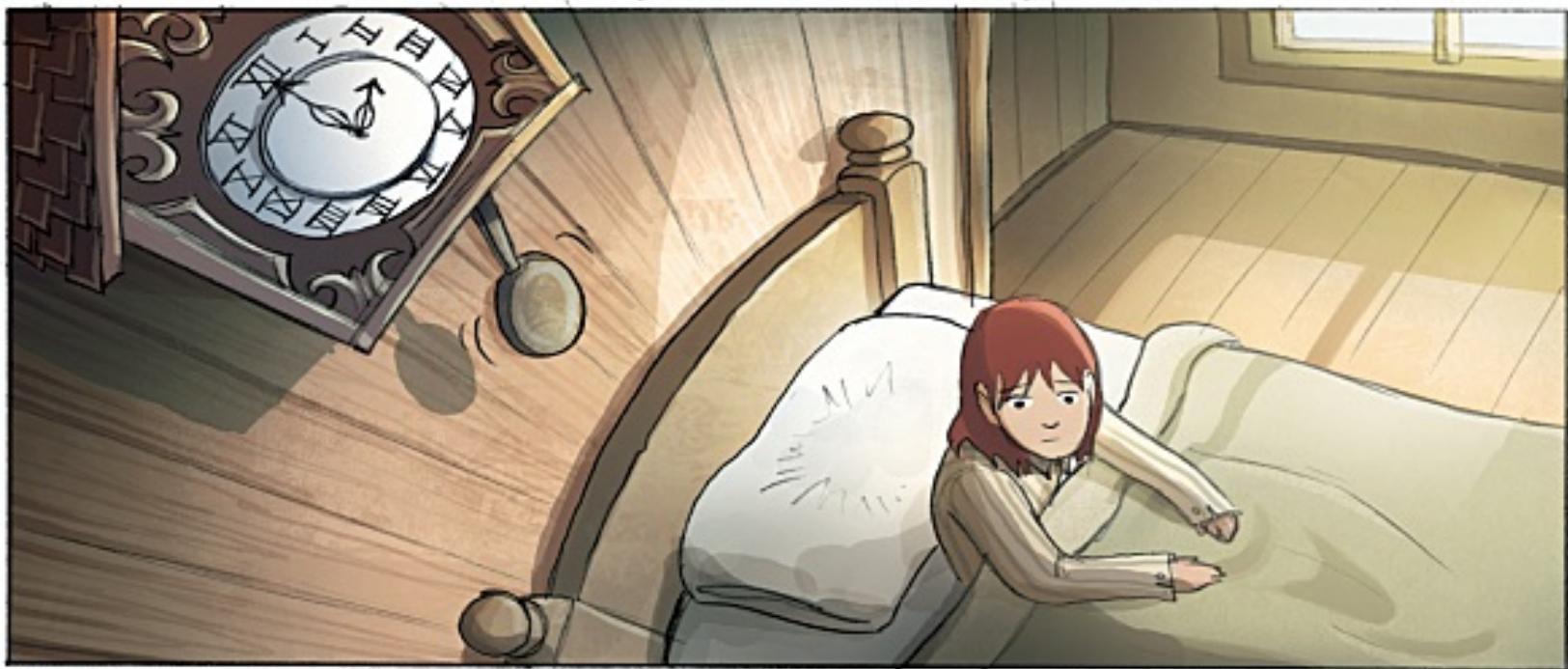
DON'T  
WORRY!

WE'LL GO  
GET HELP!



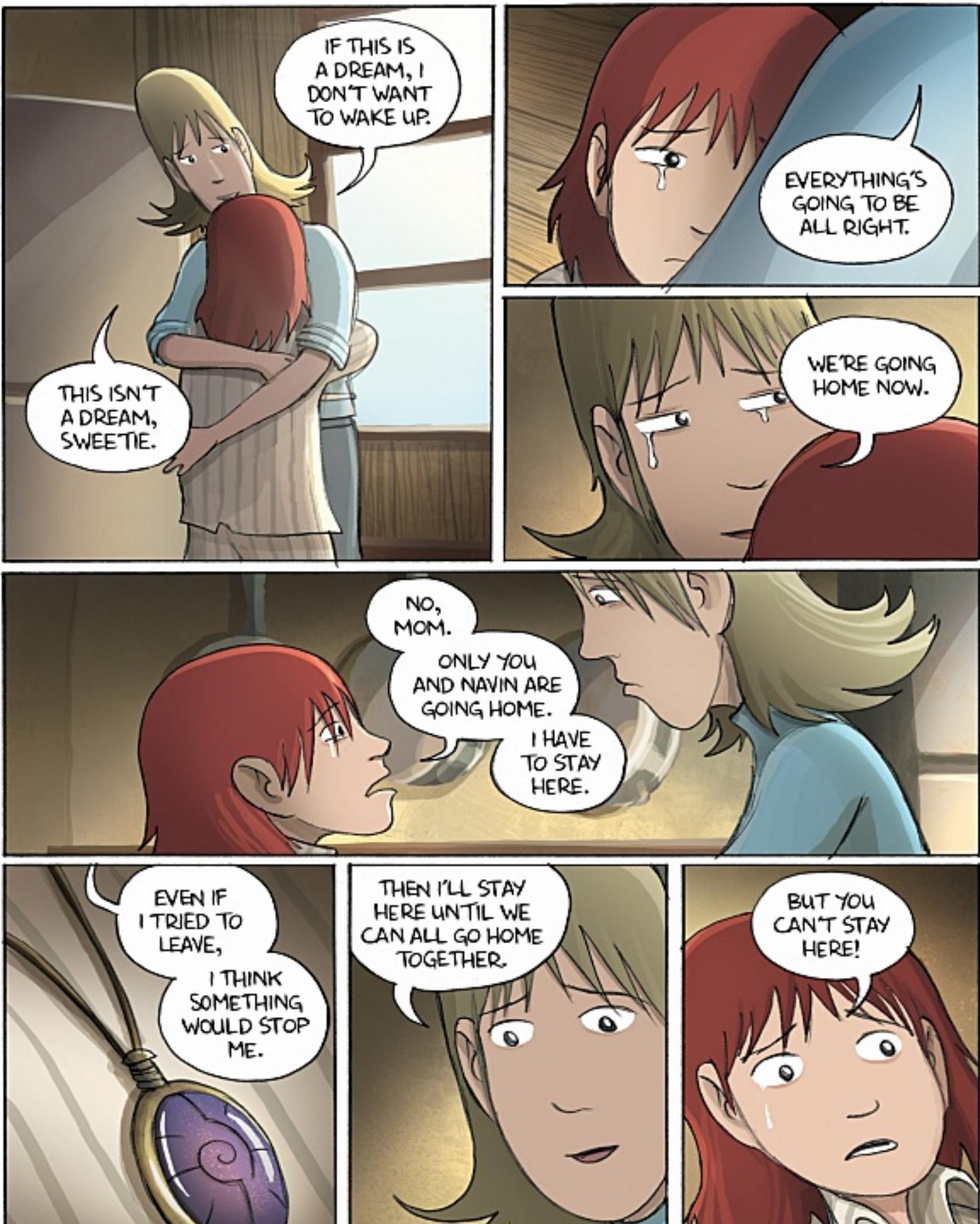












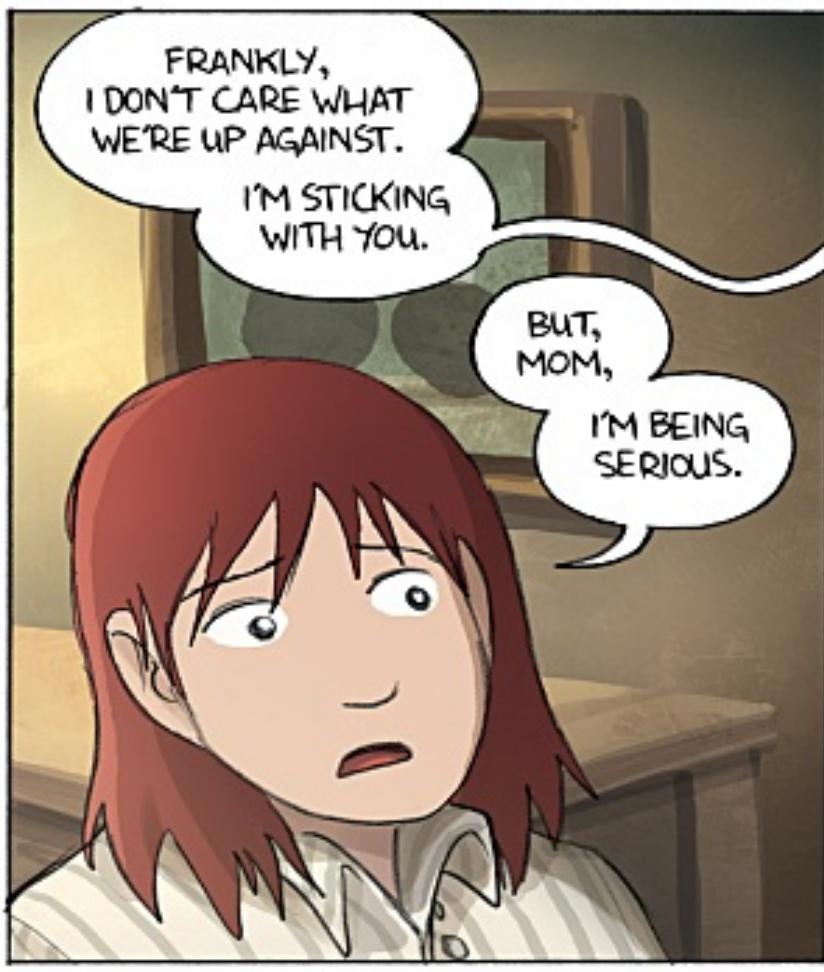


YOU DON'T  
KNOW WHAT WE'RE  
UP AGAINST.

IT'S TOO  
DANGEROUS  
FOR YOU TO  
BE HERE!



I'M NOT GOING TO  
JUST LEAVE YOU ON  
YOUR OWN, EMILY!



FRANKLY,  
I DON'T CARE WHAT  
WE'RE UP AGAINST.

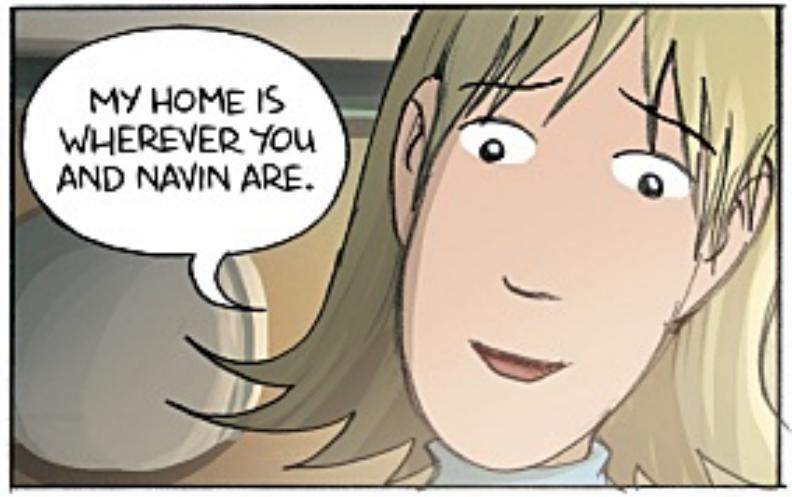
I'M STICKING  
WITH YOU.

BUT,  
MOM,

I'M BEING  
SERIOUS.



SO  
AM I.



MY HOME IS  
WHEREVER YOU  
AND NAVIN ARE.



I APPRECIATE  
YOUR CONCERN,



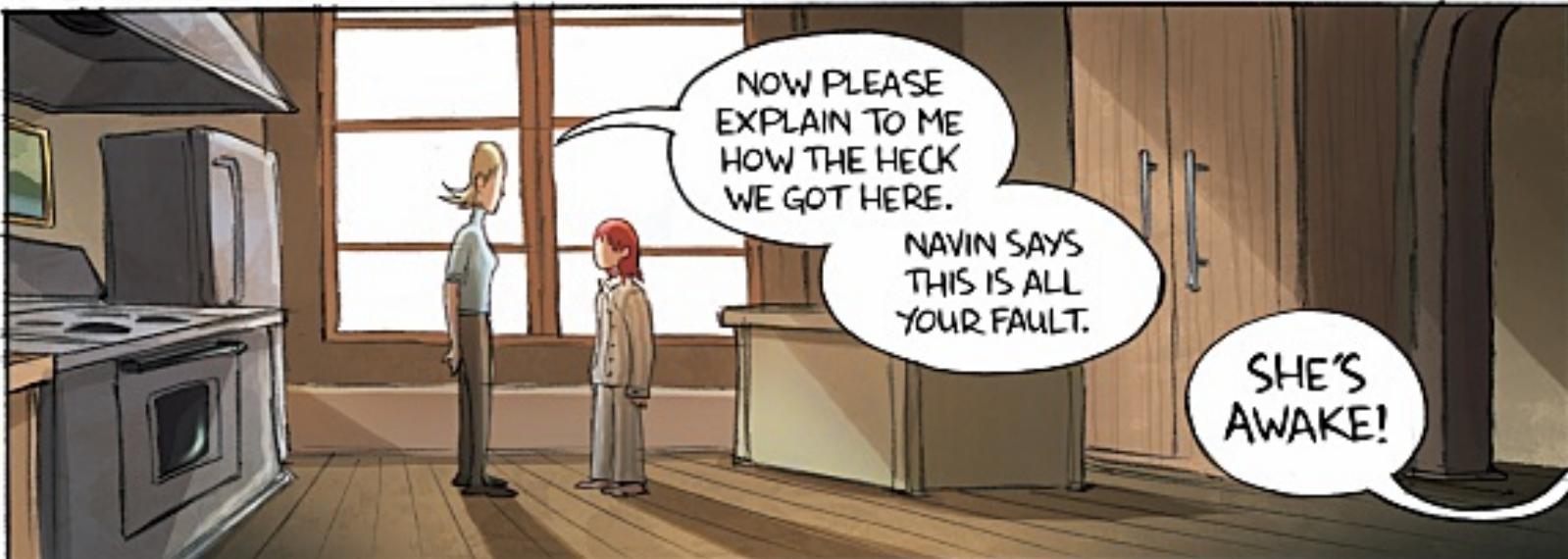
BUT REMEMBER  
I'M STILL YOUR  
MOTHER.



WE'RE GOING  
TO WORK THROUGH  
THIS TOGETHER,  
OKAY?



OKAY.



NOW PLEASE  
EXPLAIN TO ME  
HOW THE HECK  
WE GOT HERE.

NAVIN SAYS  
THIS IS ALL  
YOUR FAULT.

SHE'S  
AWAKE!

EM!

NAVIN!

YOU DID  
GOOD.

YOU BOTH  
PERFORMED  
ADMIRABLY.  
YOUR MOTHER  
SHOULD BE  
VERY PROUD.

FOR  
NOW.

BUT THIS  
IS ONLY THE  
BEGINNING.



THE ELVES  
WILL NOW COME  
AFTER US WITH THE  
FULL STRENGTH  
OF THEIR ARMY.

WE'LL BE  
READY.



YES, BUT IN ORDER  
TO BE READY, WE WILL  
NEED TO WORK HARD  
AND PREPARE.

YOUR TRAINING  
BEGINS TOMORROW,  
SO GET SOME REST.



LOOKS LIKE  
YOU ALL HAVE  
SOME CATCHING  
UP TO DO.

I'LL  
LEAVE  
YOU BE.



THANK YOU,  
LEON.  
FOR  
EVERYTHING.



GET SOME  
REST.



HE SEEMS  
LIKE A REALLY  
NICE --  
-- ANIMAL  
PERSON.

YOU GUYS DEFINITELY MADE SOME VERY INTERESTING FRIENDS WHILE I WAS AWAY.



MASTER EMILY!



MISKIT!



YOUR ARM!  
ARE YOU HURT?



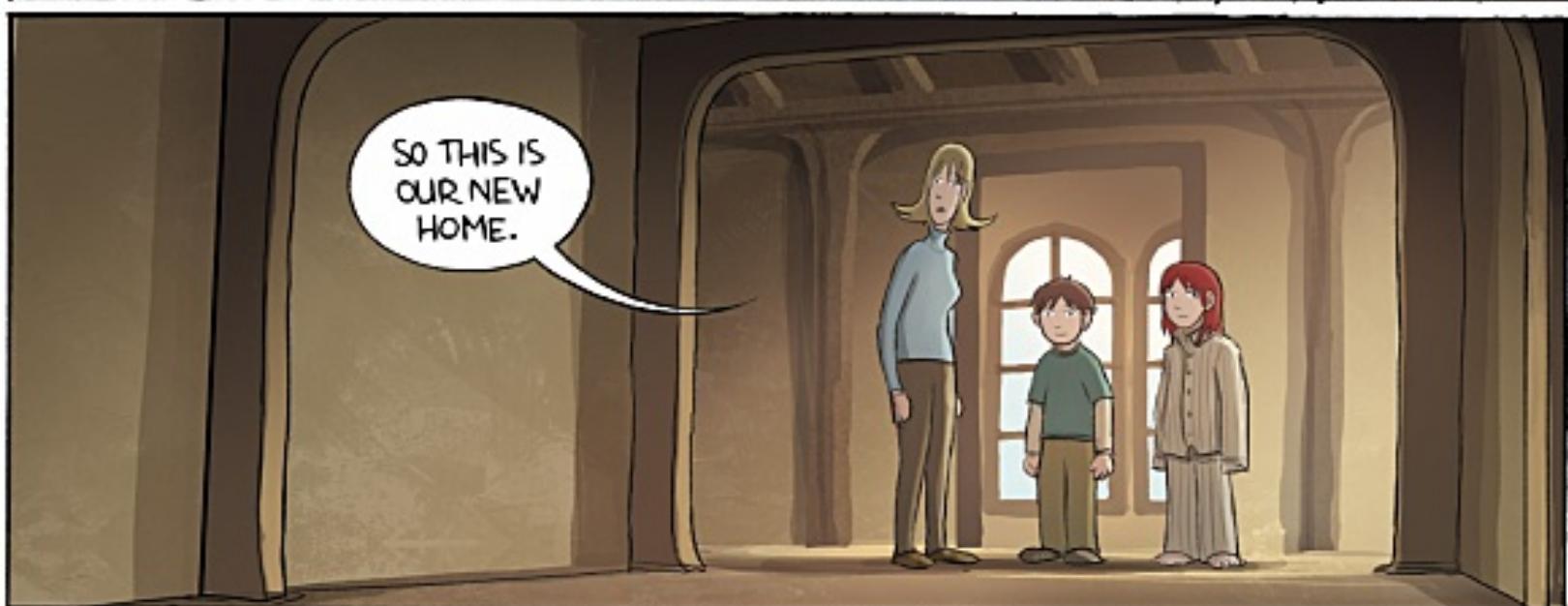
OH, THIS IS NOTHING.  
IT SHOULD REPAIR ITSELF IN A DAY OR SO.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

IT'S WHAT I WAS BUILT TO DO.

WELL,  
YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB.



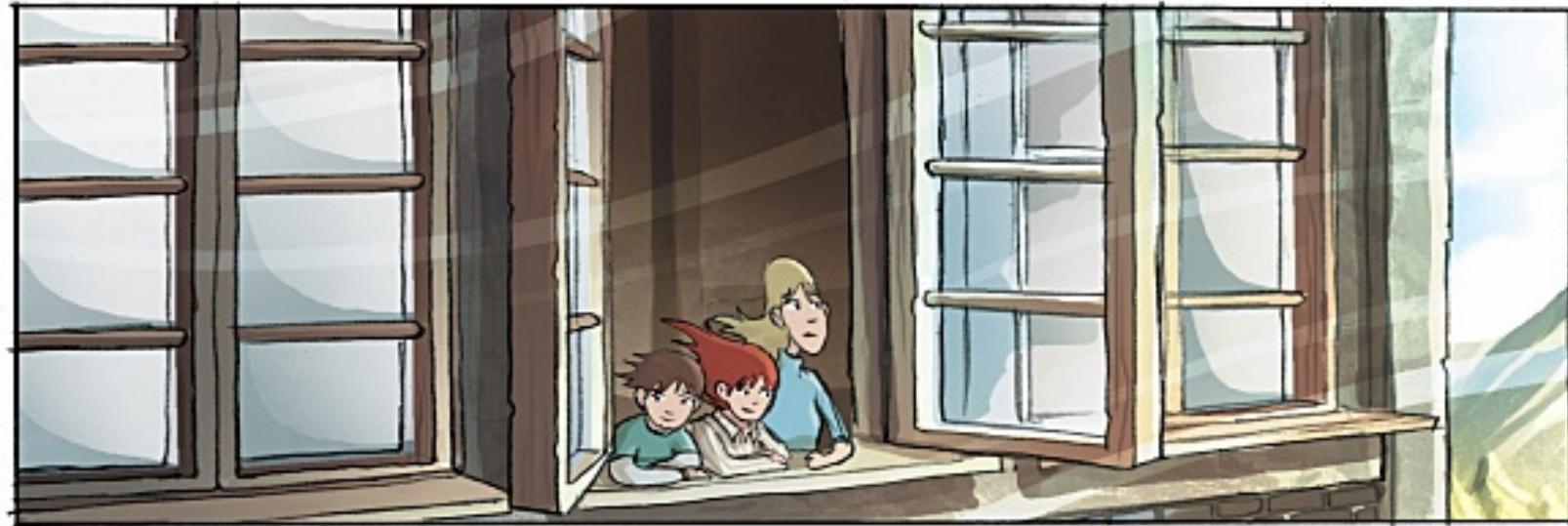


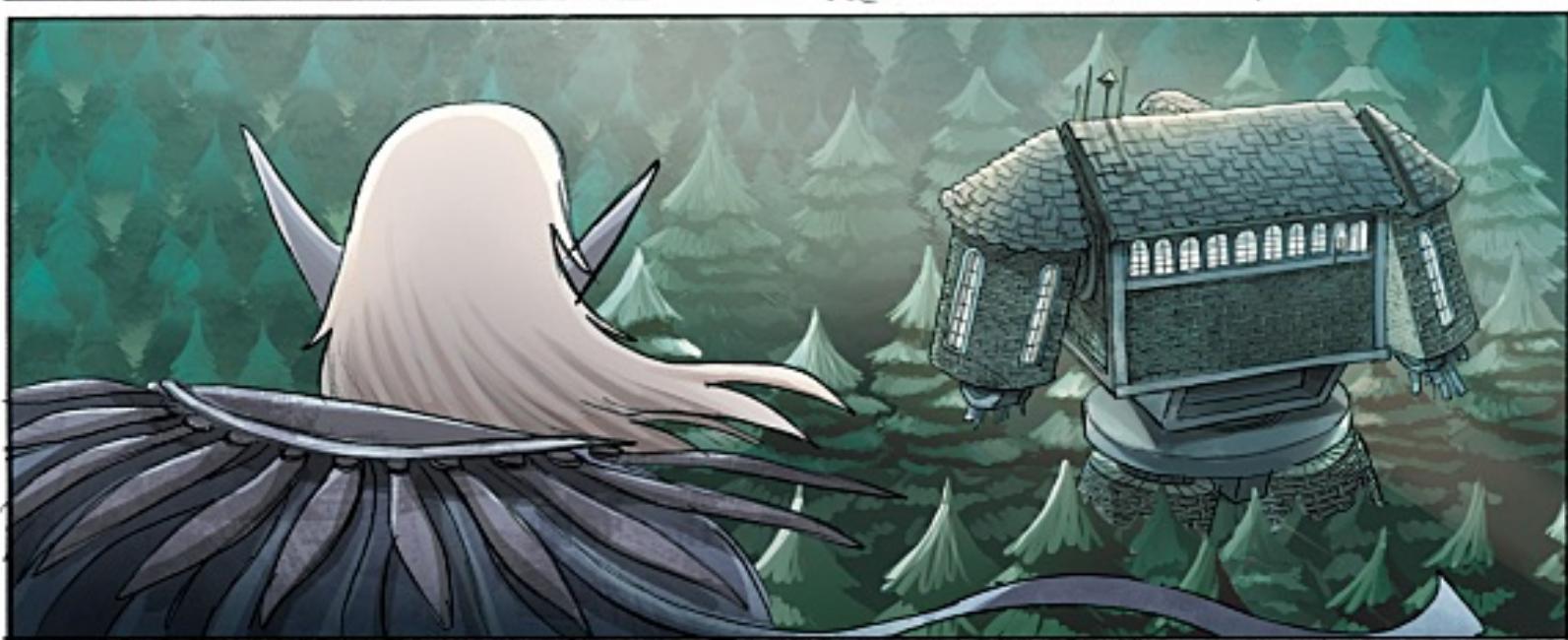


NOT EXACTLY THE  
NEW LIFE I IMAGINED  
FOR US, BUT I SUPPOSE  
IT WILL DO.



I CAN  
GET USED  
TO THIS.







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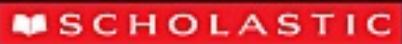
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